



PALM SUNDAY

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus is the Messiah we need, but He doesn't always look like the Messiah we want.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

We are people with agendas. If we aren't careful, we can allow our agenda to usurp God's agenda.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Repent, or change our thinking, about what we expect from our faith. Focus on searching for God's longings for us and trust that God knows what will bring us peace.

START HERE

We want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed any of the messages from Sunday, you can catch up [here](#).

CONVERSATION GUIDE

John 12:12-16 New English Translation (NET Bible)

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. They began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Do not be afraid, people of Zion; look, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt!" (His disciples did not understand these things when they first happened, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him and that these things had happened to him.)

Matthew 27:20-23 New English Translation (NET Bible)

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?" They all said, "Crucify him!" He asked, "Why? What wrong has he done?" But they shouted more insistently, "Crucify him!"

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- More resources posted on the Forefront blog - [READ](#)
- MidrashNYC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21, 23, 25 at 7pm

- Forefront Holy Week: Scatter (events held at the Forefront office)

March 27 at 10 or 11:30am

- Easter Sunday - bring a friend!

April 6 at 7:30pm

- Newcomers Dinner - RSVP at forefrontnyc.com/newcomersdinner

April 13 at 7pm

- Kenmore Game Night - Sign up at forefrontnyc.com/kenmoregamenight

Holy Week is all about examining, and realigning our expectations. When we look at the story of Jesus' final week of ministry before the crucifixion, we see that He reveals to us that our expectations are often distracted and too small. The Jewish community was expecting a powerful political leader that would rescue them. Jesus was revealing something much bigger.

1: Spend some time discussing the expectations the Jewish people had. Why did they all betray Jesus only days after accept Him as their king?

2: Have your expectations of Jesus ever caused you to be disappointed in Him?

3: How can we become more aligned with God's agenda for our lives?

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.