

Series: Palm Sunday
Message: There Is More To The Story

March 29, 2026

Matthew 21:1-11 | Zechariah 9:9, 11-12 | Psalm 118 | 2 Corinthians 2:14-15, 17

Celebration reveals what we desire.

Celebration reveals the pain we have endured.

Celebration reveals what we believe is worthy.

A deeper question: What is truly worthy of celebration?

Life Group Study

For week of March 29, 2026

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Looking back over what Peter talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Peter asked two questions at the end of his message: "What is truly worthy of celebration? Is He worthy of your life?" What is your response to these questions?

Connect to God's story

Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.

Read Matthew 21:1-11.

When you consider the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospels, why do you think people were celebrating? Why would you celebrate the Messiah?

When he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey he was treated like a victorious king. What are some things they were expecting him to do next? Were they disappointed?

Many were disappointed when Jesus didn't fulfill their expectations. Have you ever found yourself disappointed when God doesn't meet your expectations? What do you do with disappointment?

What are some unrealistic expectations we can have of God? What can we do to keep our expectations rooted in truth?

Do you think the crowds expectations were actually too small when you consider what Jesus' true mission? (God so loved the world, etc.)

Read Luke 22:14-30.

The Last Supper was an intimate moment with Jesus and his disciples. When reading the larger story, what kind of ruins these moments? Have you experienced God's grace for you when you've said or done foolish things? Take a moment and thank God for his wonderful grace in the face of our foolish behavior.

When did you first realize what communion was really about? How did it change how you see it moving forward? What can you do to participate in remembering the Lord's death until he comes back the way Jesus intended you to? *If time permits, feel free to take communion together as a small group thanking Jesus for his body given for us and his blood confirming his new covenant.*

As you close in prayer for each other, share with the group the one person you are praying for to invite to Easter on April 5th and pray for them.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)