

A close-up photograph of several palm fronds against a solid black background. The fronds are long and slender, with some showing a yellowish-green hue, suggesting they might be from a specific palm species or are in a particular stage of growth. The lighting highlights the texture and veins of the leaves.

Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 2024



WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

Good Friday

Friday, 3/29 @ 5:30am

Join us for **Good Friday on March 29th at 5:30pm**. We will gather to say thank you to Jesus for giving His life as a ransom for us and ask God to open our hearts, seeking understanding and forgiveness as we reflect on Jesus' work on the cross.

Easter

AT RCC

Then on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**, we will come together to celebrate the joy of the risen Jesus! Services will be at 9am and 10:30am. In addition to services for adults, we will also have lots of fun children's activities for 4th grade and younger.

FASTING FOR EASTER - MONDAY'S IN MARCH

4th Monday | March 25th

GOD HOLDS THE FUTURE

MORNING

READ: Isaiah 40:11-31

CONSIDER: Based on Isaiah's description how would you describe God? What attributes of His does Isaiah point out? How does Isaiah describe the world? How does our connection to this God change the way we live and interact with the world?

TALK TO GOD: Talk/listen to God regarding the chaos in our world and our place in it.

AFTERNOON

READ: John 10:7-30

CONSIDER: Jesus speaks of His shepherding role and what it will entail for Him. What does He tell us about the security we have in His hand?

TALK TO GOD: Ask God to help you think/feel/act more out of that security than out of the insecurity of life.

EVENING

READ: John 14:15-31

CONSIDER: The Holy Spirit, the Helper, the Spirit of truth and peace, will be with those who love Jesus forever. With the third person of the Trinity, God makes His home with us. Just consider the life-changing magnitude of this reality.

TALK TO GOD: Thank God for the grace and the opportunity to live out this reality forever!

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Luke 19:28-44

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." ⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

A Welcome Filled with Confusion and Clarification

Luke 19:28-44

Todd Chapman - March 24, 2024

Jesus is recognized as King by some.

What we see about Jesus the KING:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Luke 19:28-44

For the week of March 24, 2024

Reading the Text:

1. Read Luke 19:28-44 out loud together. How do you think this text sets the stage for Good Friday and Easter? What themes come up in this text that may overlap with Good Friday and Easter?
2. As you read this text, what did the crowd accurately understand about the coming King? What did they fail to understand about the coming King?
3. Read Zechariah 9:9 together out loud. Then read Luke 19:30-36 together. Why do you think Luke goes into such detail about the colt?
4. What connection do you see between these two paragraphs (vv. 28-40, and 41-44)? Why do you think Jesus wept over Jerusalem after such an honorable welcome?
5. How would you state the big idea of this text in your own words?

Living It Out:

1. As you noticed the different responses to Jesus in this text, what connections do you see with how people respond to Jesus today? How are their responses similar? How are their responses different?
2. As we prepare for Good Friday and Easter, how does knowing the path Jesus took influence your understanding of the Gospel? How does it motivate us to share this hope we have with others?
3. How can we as a Life Group encourage each other to keep the Gospel perspective of hope throughout the year, rather than just for the short Easter season?

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