



# The Week Ahead...



Current Series:  
**The Book of Hebrews**  
In Fellowship Hall

**Lifeinary**  
*Theology learned and lived!*  
**9:30am**  
for all ages

Current Series:  
**Evangelical Theology**  
In Youth Room

## Worship Service

10:30am

- Fellowship (in Fellowship hall)
- Welcome & Announcements Ben Bovard
- Opening Song Music Team
- Scripture Reading & Prayer Tim Corbett
- Message Norman Carlisle
- Praise & Ministry Music Team
- Closing Prayer Tim Corbett

*\*additional seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*

## Children's Info

**Infants & Nursing Mothers -**

Nursery Downstairs under Foyer

**Children's Church (18mo - 6th grade) -**

Check in available Upstairs Classrooms

## Offering

If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or **App**.



**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday School - 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday Morning Service - 10:30am**  
**Youth Meeting - noon** in Room 33

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Staff Meeting - 2pm** in Pastor's Study

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**AWANA - 6pm**  
**Home Group - 7pm** at The Schneck's

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Foundation Youth Group - 7pm** in Youth Room

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth For Christ - 5:30pm** in Youth Room

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**NO EVENTS**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Home Group - 3pm** at The Olivo's  
**Music Practice - 6pm** in Sanctuary  
**Game Night - 7pm** in Fellowship Hall

## Matthew 21:9 (NASB)

Now the crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"

## Announcements

### MANNA Women's Conference

May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 7-9pm & Saturday 9:30am-3:30pm  
At Life In Christ Church

#### *The Royal Priesthood*

A Bible Project Study

1 Peter 2:4-5

*As you come to [Jesus], the living stone...you also, like living stones are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood...*

Cost is \$25.00 – Sign Up and Register at back of church


Join us the  
Second **Third** Sunday  
this month!

## Hour of PRAYER & PRAISE

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**@6:00pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall  
51 Hillmond Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Scripture & Testimony  
Sharing**

*"Glorify the Lord with me; let us  
exalt His name together."  
~Psalm 34:3*



### Contact Us

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**we desire to see people..**

*entering new life in Christ,  
embracing life-principles of Christ, and  
empowered for life service by Christ*

## May 3, 2026

#### Elders

**Pastor Norman Carlisle** Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Mike Henderson** Associate Pastor  
**Martin Rosario**  
**Jamie Sumner**  
**Enoch Whipple**

#### Ministers:

**ALL BELIEVERS**

Youth Director/  
Assistant to the Pastor

**Tim Corbett**

#### Deacons

**James Odinyo** Lead Deacon  
**Alexander Algard**  
**Hannah Bovard**  
**Micah Carlisle**  
**Tim Corbett**  
**Brock Nearhoof**  
**Kriss Olivo**

## **Discussion Guide**

Date: May 3, 2026

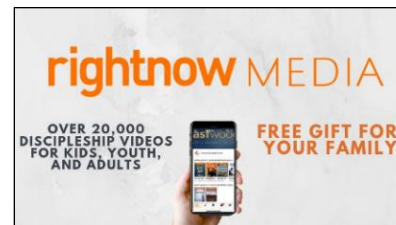
Sermon Title:

“Celebration and Confrontation”



### **More about Home Groups...**

We encourage everyone to be a part of a small group community to deepen your relationship with Christ and His church. If you're interested in knowing more, please check the website or contact the Church Office.



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## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES** (NASB unless otherwise noted)

### **Matthew 21:1–13**

1 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them on immediately.”

4 Now this took place so that what was spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

5 “SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, ‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, HUMBLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.’ ”

6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them,

7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their cloaks on them; and He sat on the cloaks.

8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road.

9 Now the crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!”

10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

11 And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

12 And Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

13 And He said to them, “It is written: ‘MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a DEN OF ROBBERS.”

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

**Psalm 118:25-26** **1 Corinthians 3:16** **Malachi 3:1-4**

## **OPENING DISCUSSION**

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Over 1/3 of the Gospel writing is dedicated to the last week of the Life of Jesus. What does that show us?
2. Why did Jesus ride on a donkey instead of simply walking into Jerusalem?
3. The people laid down their coats for Jesus, what are you willing to lay down for Him?
4. The branches they cut down could represent victory. How does the victory of Christ being “cut-down” bring victory to your life?
5. Why is it important to understand that the crowd praising and shouting “Hosanna” is *not* the same crowd a few days later yelling “Crucify Him!!”?
6. If you were living during the time of Jesus, do you think you’d be more caught up in the celebration of the crowd or the skepticism of those in the city?
7. If you are able, describe a church service where you thought some aspects of it were inappropriate for the Service.
8. What does it mean for us to be “a temple of God?” 1 Corinthians 3:16.
9. What kinds of things do you believe Jesus wants you to remove from the “temple of your life” today?