

# ICON

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



**MESSAGE:** ICON – Palm Branch

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**What is an icon?**

**Icon:** a graphic image that points us to a deeper meaning or a greater reality

**Why are icons important?**

**They are efficient—they can carry a ton of meaning in a simple symbol**

**They are emotive—they can connect with us at a heart level**

**They are enduring—visual images are easier for the human brain to remember**

**Why “Icon,” the series?**

**We want to help prepare your heart to (re)connect with the transformational power of Jesus’ resurrection in the upcoming Easter season (Philippians 3:10 NLT)**

**The palm branch is a symbol of victory (John 12:12-19 NLT)**

**The story of Jesus’ triumphal entry has a subtext**

**By the end of the week, many in this crowd who are praising Jesus as the Messiah will be calling for his crucifixion**

**Why?**

**The people misunderstood the true nature of the Messiah which led to unmet expectations, which then led to disappointment, and ultimately, rejection (Psalm 118:25-26; Zechariah 9:9-10)**

Jesus had a bigger picture . . . He came for all nations, not just Israel

Jesus had a better method . . . He will triumph with sacrificial love *for* people, not by exercising political power *over* people (Romans 8:35,37-39 NLT)

Jesus had a different plan . . . He will transform people, not change their circumstances (Romans 5:3-5 NLT)



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