



## Palm Sunday

Because He Lives | Pastor Andrew Smith

Read [Matt 20:17-19](#)

1. Where was Jesus going?
  - a. Why? ([Read Ex 23:17](#))
2. The Feast of Unleavened bread came immediately after what event?
  - a. Why unleavened bread? ([Read Ex 12:34,39](#))
3. What happened immediately before the Feast of Unleavened Bread? ([Read Ex. 12:1-13](#))
4. The lamb was chosen on the 10<sup>th</sup> day but sacrificed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day.
  - a. What were its characteristics to be?
  - b. In order for it to remain “perfect” where do you suppose it was kept?
  - c. Would the people begin to feel “close” to the lamb? (for discussion only.)
5. What happened to the blood of the lamb? Where was it placed? Why?
  - a. What did God promise?

Read [Matt 21: 1-11](#).

6. Pastor Andrew said that what Jesus did FOR us cannot compare with what He does IN us.
  - a. Are we more likely to tell someone what Jesus did for us or in us? Why?
7. Some of the changes IN us are the death of the ‘old man/nature’ and the birth of the ‘new man/nature;’ exercising the mind of Christ; receiving the Holy Spirit. Are there others you can think of?
  - a. Which one do you think is hardest to “show” to others? Easiest?
  - b. Which one do you struggle with most?
8. The unsaved will often say, “Well, if Jesus/God would just speak to me directly, I’d believe him.” A friend once responded, “He did. He sent me to you.”
  - a. Can we claim to be God’s representatives, God’s “spokesmen?”
  - b. Do we live like it?
9. What is the Mission of BridgeChurch? (Repeat it again!)
  - a. Does any other mission matter?
10. In order to be “on mission” there are five core values we hold.
  - a. **These are:**
    - i. **Scripture**
    - ii. **People**

- iii. **Community**
- iv. **Transformation**
- v. **Service**

- b. What do we believe about each value?
  - c. How does one flow into the next?
11. Pastor Andrew reminded us that Jesus didn't come to deliver the Jews' religion from oppressive rulers. Jesus came to disrupt oppressive religion from having rule over us.
- a. What does this mean to you?
12. Pastor Andrew asked us to reflect on this question:
- a. What barriers have you set up to prevent yourself or others from getting closer to Jesus?
  - b. These barriers can be internal (how we think about others) or external (who we associate with or will allow in our church.)
  - c. Will you ask God to show you what the barriers are? Will you allow Him to remove them?