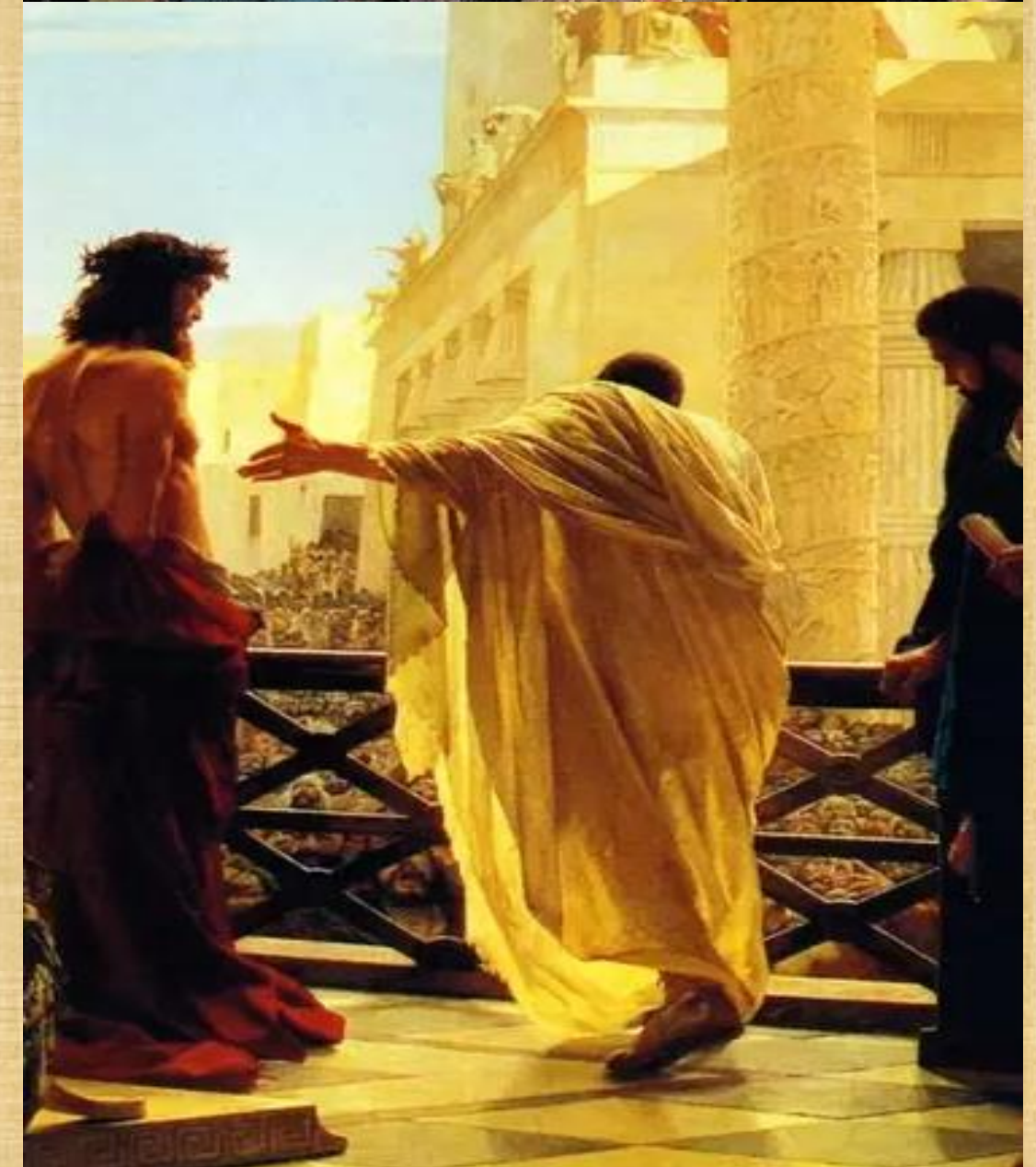


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# The Triumph and the Turning

Palm Sunday 2024



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# Update on Church Finances

- **October 7-8, 2022: Elder retreat**
  - **Must there be a Mosaic Church in Lynchburg, Virginia?**
  - **If so, how must it be led?**
- **January 2023 – Town Hall meeting**

# Update on Church Finances

**Monthly Budget**

**\$13,000**

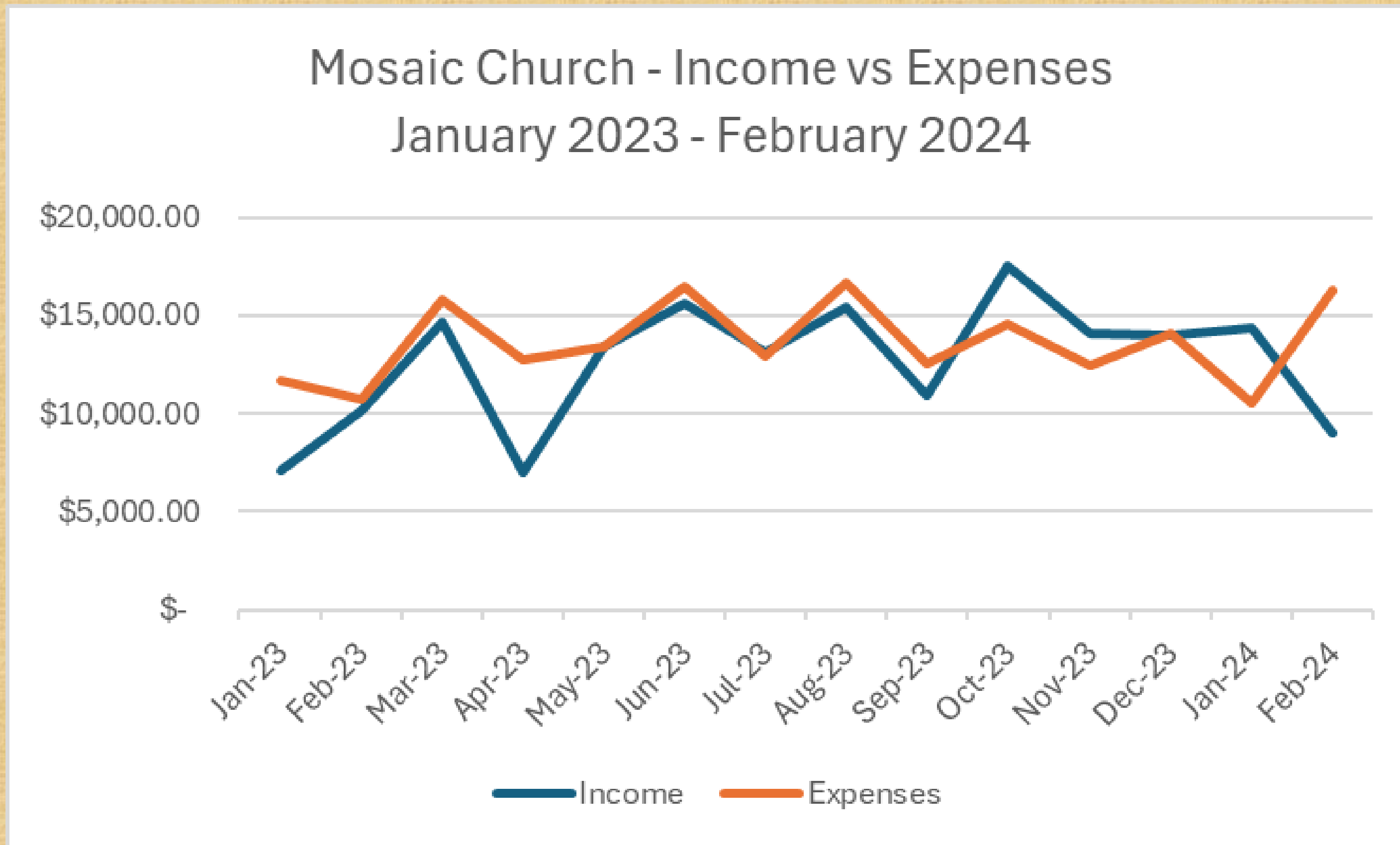
**Actual Monthly Expenses (average)**

**\$13,619.68**

# Update on Church Finances

- **June 11, 2023: Mid-year report**
  - **“Mosaic in the middle”**
    - **House church**
    - **Small, innovative church**
  - **“This model of church needs additional support of 10-15 individuals/families giving ~ \$300 - \$400/mo to cover related expenses.”**

# Update on Church Finances



# Update on Church Finances

- **Account Balances (October 31, 2022)**
  - **\$24,886.08 (Checking)**
  - **\$15,025.90 (Savings)**
- **Account balances (current)**
  - **\$6,996.71 (Checking)**
  - **\$1,224.88 (Savings)**

# Update on Church Finances

- **Total deficit since Jan 2023**
- **\$14,342.13 (average = \$1,024.44 a month)**



# Update on Church Finances

## Old

## New

### EXPENSES

#### *February*

Building Rent  
\$2,324.00 (paid)

Power  
\$372.66 (paid)

Internet / Phone  
\$420.00 (paid)

Water  
\$40.78 (paid)

Missions / Outreach  
\$2,000 (paid)

Cafe  
\$0.00

Benevolence  
\$804.26 (current balance)

### FINANCES

#### *January*

Checking  
\$8,103.21

Savings  
\$4077.95

Petty Cash  
\$698.90

Total  
\$12,880.06

### EXPENSES

#### *February*

Building Rent  
\$2,324.00

Utilities (Electricity, Water,  
Internet, Phone)  
\$750.07

Missions / Outreach  
\$5,834.83

Honorarium  
\$800.00

Payroll & Accounting  
\$4,622.96

Ministry Expenses  
\$582.57

**Total Expenses**  
**\$16,226.80**

### INCOME

#### *February*

General Fund Giving  
\$7,939.39

Benevolence Giving  
\$90.71

Missions Giving  
\$801.48

Cafe Sales  
\$156.30

**Total Income**  
**\$8,988.05**

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# What's next?

- **Notification of intent on the lease due October 31, 2024**
  - **Most likely will not request a new lease agreement**
  - **Decisions on “Mosaic Church 3.0” are yet to come**
    - **How do we get to the end of the lease (April 30, 2025)?**
      - **Stay until the end or set an end date?**
      - **Budget adjustments?**
    - **What are our options post-lease?**
    - **How do we glorify God in our decisions?**



# Palm Sunday

- **Also called Passion Sunday**
- **Start of Holy Week**
- **Recounted in all four Gospels**
  - **Matthew 21:1-11**
  - **Mark 11:1-11**
  - **Luke 19:28-44**
  - **John 12:12-19**

# **What is the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?**

- **Fulfillment of a messianic prophecy**
  - **Zechariah 9:9**
- **Arrival of the Passover lamb**
  - **Exodus 12:3-6**

# Why all the excitement about Jesus?

- **His ministry**
  - **Matthew 8:1**
  - **Matthew 15:30**
  - **Mark 3:9**
  - **Luke 5:1**
  - **Luke 12:1**
  - **Luke 4:42**

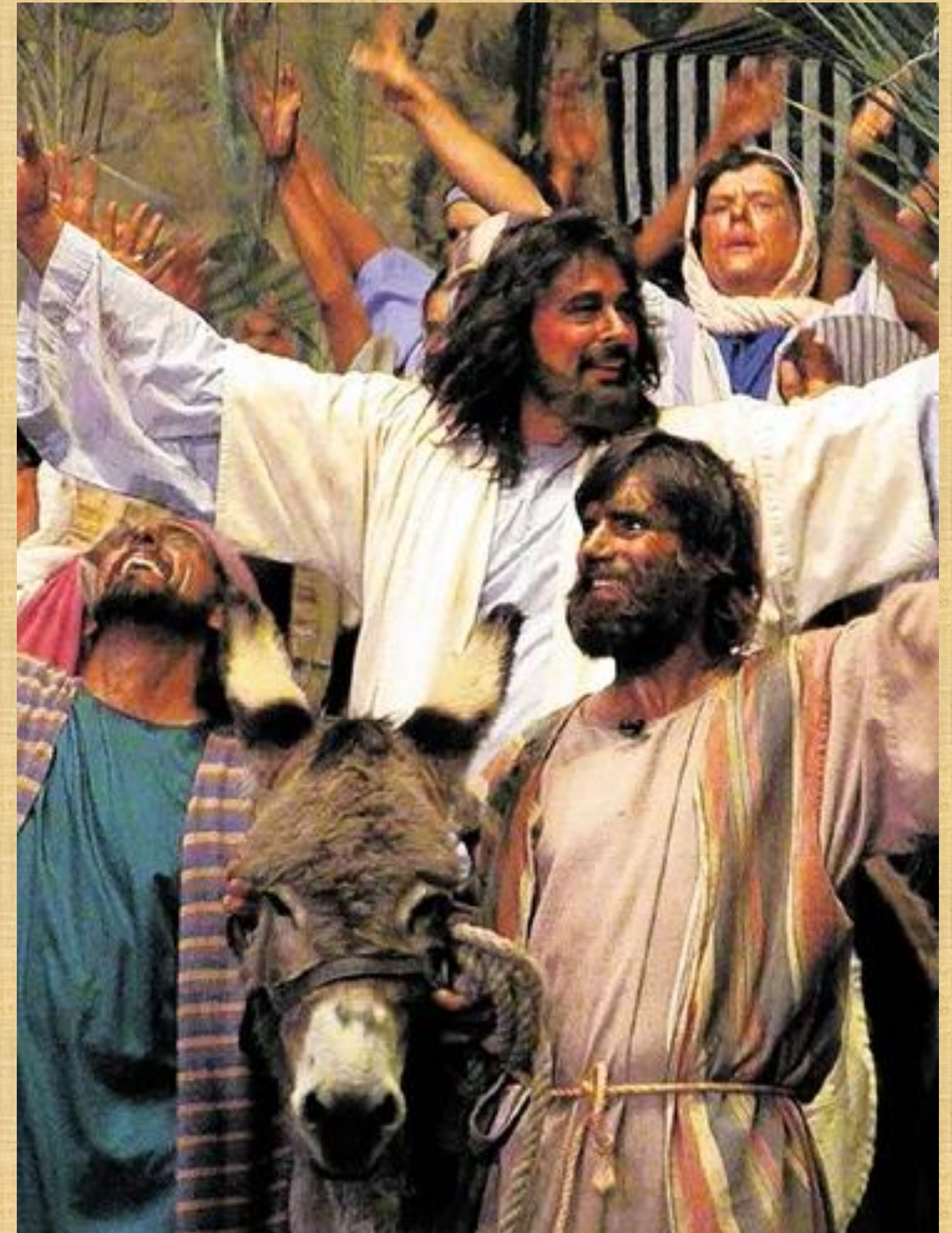
# Why all the excitement about Jesus?

- **His miracles**
  - **Luke 4:36-37**
  - **John 11:41-44**
- **His claim to be the Messiah**
  - **John 4:25-26**
  - **Luke 4:16-21**
  - **John 10:24-30**

**“When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:**

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**(Luke 19:37-38)**



# Christ lamented over Jerusalem

**“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (Matthew 9:36-38)**





# So why did they turn on Him?

- He didn't rebuke the Romans
  - Matthew 22:15-22
- He rebuked the religious leaders
  - Matthew 23
- He cleansed the temple
  - Matthew 21:12–17, Mark 11:15–19, Luke 19:45–48, John 2:13–16
- He spoke in parables about a different Kingdom than the kingdom of Israel
- He wasn't the Messiah they expected



**“When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Matthew 11:1-3)**

# Two Messiahs

- **The Davidic Messiah**
  - **2 Samuel 7:12-16**
- **The Suffering Messiah**
  - **Isaiah 53**

# Two Messiahs

**“Old Testament scholars, both Jewish and Christian, see as many as 800 verses that point to a Messiah, a unique person who fulfills God’s plans and promises. But some describe a reigning messiah who brings in peace and prosperity while others paint pictures of a suffering messiah who atones for sins.”**

*~ Randy Newman, Senior Fellow for Apologetics and Evangelism at the C.S. Lewis Institute*

# **Two Messiahs – or one who comes twice?**

**“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.” (Zechariah 12:10)**

# **One Messiah – He has come and is coming again**

**“He came the first time and was pierced. He returns a second time and reigns. Rather than pointing to two Messiahs, the Old Testament envisions one Messiah who comes twice. Finally, we must take seriously what the New Testament writers claimed. They identify Jesus as the one who fulfills predictions of the first coming and the one who will fulfill promises of a future return. In fact, Jesus Himself claimed that things written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms were about Him and that “Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” (John 8:56, NIV)**

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# About those crowds...

- **The Palm Sunday crowd was probably comprised of pilgrims from outside Jerusalem**
  - **Matthew 21:8-11**
- **Passover brought in Jews from every land; most had probably never heard of Jesus**
- **The religious authorities feared his followers**
  - **Matthew 21:46**

# About those crowds...

- The “chief priests and their officials” probably comprised the “crowd” that demanded Barabbas and called for Jesus to be crucified (John 19)
- Probably not many people in this “crowd” – the courtyard wasn’t big enough to host a large number of people
- Passover preps probably had most in Jerusalem busy
- The time from his arrest to his crucifixion was a matter of hours – again, to avoid getting his supporters stirred up



**“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” (Acts 2:22-23)**



# What can we learn from Palm Sunday?

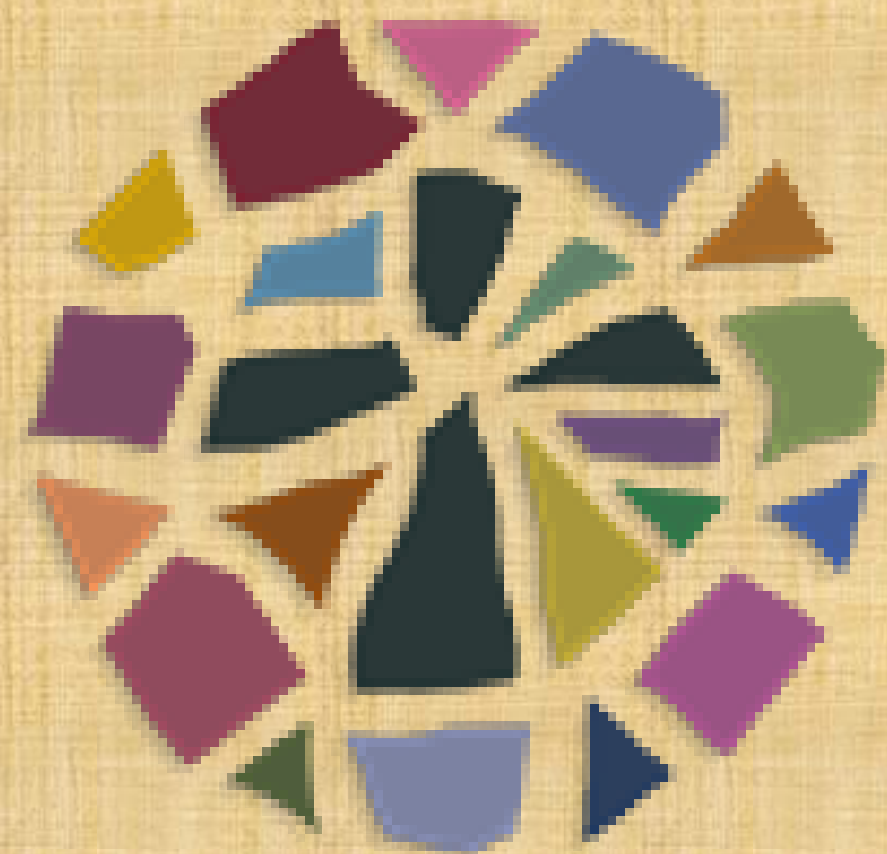
- Don't put Jesus in a box of our own making
  - "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15)
- Don't be swayed by the crowd
  - "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong." (Exodus 23:2)
- Take Jesus at His Word
  - "Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me.'" (John 10:25)





**“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”**

**(Revelation 7:9)**



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