

# **PALM SUNDAY**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**'Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. ' Psalms 57:1 NIV**

**'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ' John 3:16 NIV**

***“The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.’ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!’” John 12:12-19 (NIV)***

***“A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria.” Acts 8:1 (NLT)***

***“But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.” Acts 8:4 (NLT)***

**The church is not empty; the church has been deployed!**

***“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20-21(NIV)***

***“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20 (NIV)***

***“Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them. Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible, for then you will have the right answer for everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6 (TLB)***

**1. Be Sensitive.**

**2. Make a call.**

**3. Offer a prayer.**

**4. Provide a resource.**

**5. Write a note.**

**6. Use social media.**

**7. Offer an invitation.**

**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 NIV**