

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS LIGHT OF ETERNITY

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JESUS MEETING OUR NEED

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When these people are coming to make Jesus king, because of the miracles of the feeding, and the healing of the lost — they’re getting him to fulfil what they believe is their biggest need. And Jesus is saying this your biggest need. And they’re saying — what do we need to do?

And Jesus is saying — just believe. Let’s make that a bit clearer — LOOK in front of you. Jesus.

JESUS LORD OF OUR LIFE

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Jesus does not come to keep us from dying. But rather he comes to be Lord of our lives -- now and for eternity. The sign of resurrection, it is this picture that Jesus is still Lord at the end of it

True life comes through believing in Jesus

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JESUS EVERLASTING KING

this past week, Stephen Hawking passed away. He was an atheist who was more convinced in the existence of aliens, than the belief in a personal God. And though he saw the beauty of the universe, and physics and science, he struggled to believe that God would know him.

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**Do you understand?
You believe, but do you understand?**

the crowd is expecting Jesus to be the king to overthrow the roman empire.
The disciples seeing the procession and Jesus riding in on a cold, didn't understand until after the resurrection.
The pharisees

**Do you understand?
Nicodemus didn't understand.
Mary and Martha didn't understand.
The disciples at the feeding of the
5,000 didn't understand.
The people didn't understand.**

When you see Jesus do you understand?

why, did this happen.
yes, i believe you are faithful.
yes, i believe that it will be okay..
still... if you were here.

"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

mary, weeping, wailing, anguishing.

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

JESUS

- 1. The BREAD of Life**
- 2. The RESURRECTION & THE LIFE**
- 3. The ETERNAL GOD**

This Palm Sunday — when these people who didn't understand Jesus, were worshipping and laying down palm branches. Are you the same? Are you just offering this empty worship?

Don't be like these Pharisees — who believe, but don't live.

Today, Palm Sunday, look at Jesus, look at your life, who you are, where you are, where you want to be, what you're going through, what you're wishing for, and say :

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DISCIPLES *not understanding Jesus' purpose*
PHARISEES WHO BELIEVED *hiding away*

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YOU? *people giving empty worship*
YOU? *not understanding Jesus' purpose*
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PRAYER.

Jesus, you are my eternal God

Jesus, you are my bread of life.

Jesus, you are my resurrection and my life.

I submit to you again.

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