

THE PALMS

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KEY SCRIPTURES:

John 12:12–13

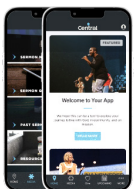
Psalm 118:25–2

Zechariah 9:9

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 53:3-5

1. Hosanna—God Save Us!—is a rescue word that has two distinct connotations. On one hand, we're crying out for help (need/panic), but on the other hand we're celebrating (joy). How do both sides work together to create an act of surrender, faith, vulnerability, and gladness?
2. Consider God's saving deeds throughout history, where the Lord faithfully leads people to freedom and new life — events like the Red Sea Rescue (Exodus 14:25-30), Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6:22-23), deliverance from danger (1 Samuel 17:37), and many more. Talk about God's character as a Savior throughout history and ultimately in Christ, recognizing his might, reliability, and love.
3. Do you find it easy to trust God in times of danger? How has your faith been challenged and transformed as you've had more opportunities to cry out? Share your experience — how you've grown, and how you're still growing.
4. Psalm 18:2—*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* Of course, the big idea is that God Saves! How are these characteristics in Psalm 18 similar and how are they different?
5. Discuss how God uses subversion to rescue us. Instead of coming in as the typical conquering leader, he ventures into Jerusalem on a donkey in humility. How do we see the humility of God on display in saving us, while remembering that without his strength we're lost?
6. Who needs to hear the message that God saves? How can we be part of carrying the message of Hosanna to Holland and beyond?
7. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday continue the path toward the cross, toward resurrection. How are you preparing to continue to worship and stay focused on Jesus during this passion week?
8. Pray for the people you've invited to join you for Easter at Central! And, if you haven't yet, pray about who to extend the invitation and invite them! This is the best news in the world!



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