



EASTER is a time of forgiveness, fresh starts, and new beginnings. It is also a time for receiving and sharing God's love. God gave us the gift of Jesus so we wouldn't have to live in bondage to our regrets, burdens and past mistakes. Our hope is that you would experience his love with us this season.

EASTER ✦

SUNDAY, APRIL 9



✦ Invite 2 people to hear the **GOOD NEWS** for our **EASTER CELEBRATION!**

DEBBIE PEREZ...



will be ordained to ministry on Sunday, April 23. Please be with us for this high moment!

GARAGE SALE 491 RIVER BLUFF ROAD

MAY 5-6

to benefit orphanages in
Tupelo and Guatemala.
See Rod, Kenny, or Emma

JESUS REIGNS



MAY 20, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
A procession through the streets of Elgin.

GOD'S *Unpredictable* WAYS

Apr 02 » A Lowly King
Apr 09 » An Empty Tomb
Apr 16 » Down is Up
Apr 23 » Less is More
Apr 30 » Empty is Full

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Howard P. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. Healing/Kidney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike P. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karla D. » Cancer Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Mickey N. » Stroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maggie B. » Chemotherapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha B. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christine P. » Bone Cancer | |

METRICS THAT MATTER (03/26/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 30 GIVING ▶ \$6,250 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

GOD'S UNPREDICTABLE WAYS *A Lowly King*

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Jesus predicts HIS FINAL DAYS AND DEATH

LUKE 9:21-22

LUKE 13:31-35

LUKE 18:31-33

Palm SUNDAY



The core of the story in all four places is the same: The beginning of the final week of his earthly life, Jesus rode into Jerusalem seated on a donkey and was hailed by the crowds who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the annual Passover feast with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" as they anticipated the coming of the kingdom of God.



Today, on Palm/Passion Sunday, Jesus enters the city in what most scholars believe is a deliberate, symbolic act meant to fulfill Zechariah 9:9-10.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a

donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.



Israel's future king would come riding on the foal of a donkey, and by copying Solomon's entrance into Jerusalem when he was declared king.

IT'S BEEN THERE ALL ALONG

- The angels praised him. _____ Luke 2:13
The shepherds exalted him. _____ Luke 2:20
Praise is his core message. _____ Acts 10:36
His disciples praise. _____ Luke 19:35

The King IS HERE

And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” **Luke 19:36-39**

THE KING DISPLAYS HIS POWER

HEALINGS

EXORCISMS

FEEDINGS

THE KING IS ON A MISSION

- Good news to the poor.
- Bind up the brokenhearted.
- Proclaim liberty to the captives.
- The opening of the prison to those who are bound.
- To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God.
- *To comfort all who mourn in Zion, to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.*

Isaiah 61:1-3

