


Part 3 Easter's Call  
A Call to Worship

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# TALKINGPOINTS WALKINGPOINTS

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**Talk** together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11  
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

Triangle Community Church aims to be a "transforming church". We exist to be used by God as He transforms ordinary people into extraordinary followers of Jesus Christ. TCC believes not only that life-change is possible—but that it is to be expected. Growth is God's will for his people. But transformation does not happen by accident. It requires intentional, intelligent, action. 1 Timothy 4:7 instructs you to "discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." Since "Talking Points, Walking Points" is intended both for individual reflection and for group discussion, questions vary in degree of vulnerability required. Generally it is best to begin group discussions with questions which involve less personal disclosure—but don't linger there. Be sure to "dive deep" too! The questions which require the greatest openness and honesty, as well as those in the section entitled "Digging Deeper in your Daily Quiet Time", are perfect for private reflection.

## Questions for Community Group Discussion

- Who grew up in a church tradition which distributed palm fronds this time of year? Tell us about it. Did you understand **why** you did it? Were they considered "holy" (did you have to treat them specially)?

Pastor Doug noted that, when Jesus was welcomed with palm branches, the people were quoting from Psalm 118:25-26. Read that passage now. How does this clarify Palm Sunday for you?

- We have a "love–hate" relationship with the idea of monarchs: we love the pomp, we **don't** love to submit! **Why** do you think that is? **Should** it be that way? Why or why not?

Personally, how do you feel about and respond to the lordship of God over your life?

- Jesus is a humble king. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Why do you think we find that so very attractive?

Our culture promotes pride (sports, sexuality, etc.). Why do you think we like humility in God but not for us?

- Review the **three things we must do** in order to make Jesus **our** king (see **Sermon Summary**).

Which one do you think you find easiest or most natural to do? **Why** that one?

Which one do you think you find most challenging or least natural to do? **Why** that one?

What can you do to change that?

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Application



- Worship Christ supremely.
- Obey Christ explicitly.
- Expect great things from Christ.

# Sermon Summary (Key Text: Luke 19:28–40)

Churches around the world celebrate the Sunday before Easter as a commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We call it Palm Sunday because the crowds which welcomed Jesus waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!", welcoming Jesus as their long awaited King by quoting Psalm 118, a messianic psalm.

**1. Jesus is the true King** (v. 37-38). While the world loves the idea of royalty, we Americans like to think that we are in charge of our own lives. But the simple fact is, we're not, and I'll tell you why: we all live for something—trying to find a sense of significance—and the simple fact is that whatever we're living for, we serve. How do I know this? Because that thing you live for—be it career, health, relationships—when it goes wrong, we melt down! It's become our master, our lord, our king. In Eden we had a king—a true King, a King of absolute glory and splendor. We saw firsthand his justice, his power his wisdom, his compassion, his nobility. But when sin entered the world, we lost him. Yet all the pages of the Bible rustle with the rumor that a triumphant King will come again! The King we abandoned in the garden, has come back (v. 38)! But when we realize that Jesus is not just some warm, fuzzy person who wants to make our lives better—that he's the sovereign King of the Universe to whom we must submit—we start to panic! If you find that unsettling, consider this: if we think we're in control of life, that's an illusion! We each already serve someone or something. You do not control yourself; you're controlled by the lord of your life, whatever that is. You may think, "I want to change my life, but I don't want to lose control." But you've already lost control. The only King who doesn't oppress is Jesus, because he's humble.

**2. Jesus is a humble King** (v. 30-35). Kings typically ride in on war horses, but Zechariah 9:9 explicitly puts great emphasis on the humility of Israel's donkey-riding king! Jesus doesn't come with worldly power, but with the meek, healing power of forgiveness. We need not fear submission to this king. He's our Redeemer; he forgives us. And he's our Creator—he controls us as calmly as he did that unbroken donkey. When King Jesus is in control, he brings beautiful harmony (Isaiah 11:6, 9). Since Jesus is the true king, the humble king, we can trust him. But how do we do that?

**3. How to make Jesus your King.** In order to treat Jesus as king, **we must do three things:**  
**[a] We have to worship him supremely.** Jesus' kingship, when properly understood, leads us to joyfully praise God. The things you daydream about, that excite you, that you love—those things are your god. When your mind is free to go wherever it wants, where does it go? What do you day dream about? If your mind automatically goes to Jesus, then when you lose a job, your health, or a relationship, it may be tough, but it won't be the end of the world, because you still have what you cherish most.  
**[b] We have to obey him.** Verses 32-34 give us a beautiful picture of obedience. We obey Jesus because he is God, and we are not. If Jesus is your King, you have to obey him unconditionally. You don't have to understand him. Jesus is not merely a consultant; he's king! **[c] We have to expect great things from him** (v. 39-40). As beautiful as the world is right now, it's only a shadow of what it's going to be when the King comes back (Revelation 21:4; Psalm 96:11-13). If you have low expectations, you're not treating Jesus as a King. When Jesus came rolling into town on a donkey's colt, he was saying, in effect: "Either crown me as King or kill me!" They killed him. What will you do? Will you make him your king? Will you worship and obey him and expect great things from him?

## Talking To God About This Week's Message

*"Heavenly Father, today I want to be a 'doer' of the Word, and not just a 'hearer'. Amen."*

## Talking To Others About This Week's Message

If a neighbor or friend at work asks you, *"What kind of stuff do they talk about at your church?"*, how would you summarize the most important elements of this week's sermon and the key lessons you intend to apply to your life? Can you explain it in **plain language** anyone could understand?

**This week we learned that Christ supremely deserves our worship.**

**So, does that mean we should sing all day long?**

**If worship is that important, we'd better figure it out!**

***What exactly is worship? How do we worship?***

**Below are twenty activities which the Bible says are acts of worship.**

**Each day this week work through three or four of them.**

**Look up each passage, making sure you understand the connection between the passage(s) and the activity listed.**

**Ask yourself other questions, such as:**

- ***How often*** do I engage in this activity? Never? Rarely? Weekly? Daily?
- When I engage in this activity, ***is it "with my whole heart", or merely external?***
- ***What changes*** must I make in order to better engage in this activity?
- ***What*** should I talk to God about with regards to this activity?

### **Twenty Ways to Worship and Glorify God**

1. Living with purpose (Corinthians 10:31)
2. Confessing your sins (Joshua 7:19; Revelation 16:9)
3. Praying expectantly (John 14:13; Exodus 33:18)
4. Living purely (1 Corinthians 6:18–20)
5. Submitting to Christ (Philippians 2:9–11)
6. Giving sacrificially (2 Corinthians 9:13)
7. Praising God (2 Corinthians 4:15; Luke 2:14 & 17:11–19; Psalm 71:8)
8. Obeying God (2 Corinthians 9:13)
9. Growing in faith (Romans 4:20–21)
10. Suffering for Christ's sake (1 Peter 4:15–16; John 21:19)
11. Rejoicing in God (1 Chronicles 16:10)
12. Worshiping God (Psalm 86:9)
13. Bearing spiritual fruit (John 15:8)
14. Serving God's people (1 Peter 4:10–11)
15. Helping other believers live purely (Ephesians 5:27)
16. Living in unity with other believers (John 17:22; Romans 15:7)
17. Shining Christ's light (Matthew 5:16)
18. Proclaiming God's Word (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
19. Talking about salvation (Psalm 21:5; Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14; Galatians 1:23–24; Acts 11:18)
20. Sharing the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:15; Acts 13:48)

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