



# message notes

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## **Palm Sunday** Misplaced Expectations

John 12:12-19; Revelation 7:9-12

“Ebenezer” **Eben-Ezer** (אבן עזר)

- “Stone of help”
- 1 Samuel 7:12

### **Context**

- Festival of Passover (God saving the Israelites from Egypt)
- John 11 – the Raising of Lazarus from the dead (people are talking)
  - Palm Branches
    - National and political symbol
    - Simon the Maccabee drove out Syrian forces from Jerusalem. He was celebrated with music and palm branches.
  - Hosanna! – Save us!
- The Donkey - John 12:14-15

### **The palm branches and donkey are conflicting symbols**

### **Jesus is making a statement about who he is and how his kingdom works**

Matthew 5:3-10, Matthew 20:25-27,  
John 13:12-15, Luke 14:11, Luke 22:27

### **Reorient - Finding clarity in Jesus’ mission**

- **Luke 19:10** – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
- **Mark 2:17** (Jesus the healer) – On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
- **While hanging on the cross** - “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”