



## **ON DISPLAY!** **DOUG REED // APRIL 14, 2019**

**On Display: A Donkey and Palm Branches!**

We expect something but the opposite occurs...

God's plans supersede our plans and expectations. Our plans are temporal, God's are eternal!

Isaiah 55:8 NIV

God's plans always supersede our plans and expectations.

"Our unexpected is never unexpected to God." – Christine Caine

The stage is set. In John 11, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

**Who Jesus is, amplifies what Jesus does! Will we follow His example?**

John 12:12-19 NIV

The Triumphal Entry – A Counterintuitive Event

A Donkey and Palm Branches. Wait? Why? What?

A donkey. Why not a white stallion?

A Gentle, Peaceful, Meek, Humble, Selfless and Surrendered Leader

An Arrogant, Dictatorial, Self-Centered, Egotistical, Conquering Hero

Which did Jesus exemplify? Which are we?

Zechariah 9:9 AMP Genesis 49:11 NASB

What's up with the palm branches?

Palm Branches? Culturally, a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life.

A glimpse of how Jesus' death and apparent defeat brings us life and eternal victory.

1 Corinthians 15:55 and 57 NIV

The Triumphal Entry – A Counterintuitive Event

Temporal Political Peace versus Eternal Spiritual Peace. Which is it?

Mark 11:10 NIV John 12:13 NIV

Hosanna! "Save now, we pray!" Save how exactly?

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Isaiah 55:8 NIV Luke 19:41-42,44b NIV

They missed it! Have we? Are we?

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It starts with selfless surrender! Luke 9:23 NIV

It moves us to say, "Lord – Save now, we pray!" Isaiah 25:9 NIV

It leads us to pray, "Lord – Show us, Your way!" Psalm 25:4-5 NIV

Don't miss this opportunity for true eternal spiritual peace! That's God's plan!

Jesus' Humility = Our Victory! What's our choice?

We Surrender – Save Us – Show Us!

Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

## **MEMORY VERSE**

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD." Isaiah 55:8 NIV,

## **REFLECT**

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share your understanding of what the message was about.
2. Share what God said to us through the message.
3. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
4. Read Isaiah 55:8. Tell of a time in life when God's plans and expectations superseded ours?
5. Read Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44 & John 12:12-19. What initial thoughts strike us? Why?
6. How Jesus enters Jerusalem reveals His character and purpose? What's significant about it? Why?
7. Jesus' Humility = Our Victory! What's our choice? We Surrender – Save Us – Show Us!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

We invite you to join us Friday, April 19 for a Good Friday event, "On Display" – an interactive, contemplative, art gallery with pieces from some amazing artists in our very own community. Food trucks will also be available for those wanting to support local businesses. Tickets for the art gallery are free and available with multiple time slots to choose from between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. For tickets, visit [c3ocala.com/goodfriday](http://c3ocala.com/goodfriday) or stop by the the Connection Desk. Gallery open to ages 12 and older; Central Kids will have a special art experience for infants - 11 years old.

### **EASTER**

Our Savior is Risen! Share the Good News with your family and friends by inviting them to worship with you on Sunday, April 21 at one of our three services: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM or 11:15 AM.

### **AFTER EASTER FEASTER**

Join us after second service on Sunday, April 28 for some family fun and a lot of food. We'll have a hamburger/hot dog lunch, a BBQ Contest, Corn Hole Tournament, water slides, bounce houses, and our pastors in a dunking booth. This fundraiser helps to sponsor students attending summer camp. Lunch Donation (suggested price \$5/person or \$20/family of 4 or more) BBQ Contest: \$5 to sample all and vote once and \$1 per ticket for additional to votes; Dunk Booth \$1/three balls. GRILL MASTERS NEEDED:

Are you great on the grill or with a smoker? Enter the After Easter Feaster BBQ Contest by signing up at the Connection Desk.