

As We Gather



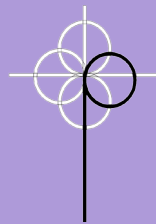
Prepare for an emotional roller coaster.

The great and holy week begins with the cheers and seeming triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. No sooner do we say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" than we realize we have been ushered to the foot of the cross and the darkness of the shocking outcome of His coming—suffering, hatred, blood, and death. Our joyful, hopeful expectations have been dashed and we have been reduced to despair.

This's what John the Baptist meant when he called us to repent: to give up on ourselves that God can bring forth His wondrous gift of forgiveness. So He will take the repentant, tearful soul and restore life in the resurrection—life even better than we had ever dreamed or hoped.



Life doesn't always turn out the way you expect! Thanks be to God! ✝



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“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

John 12:13b