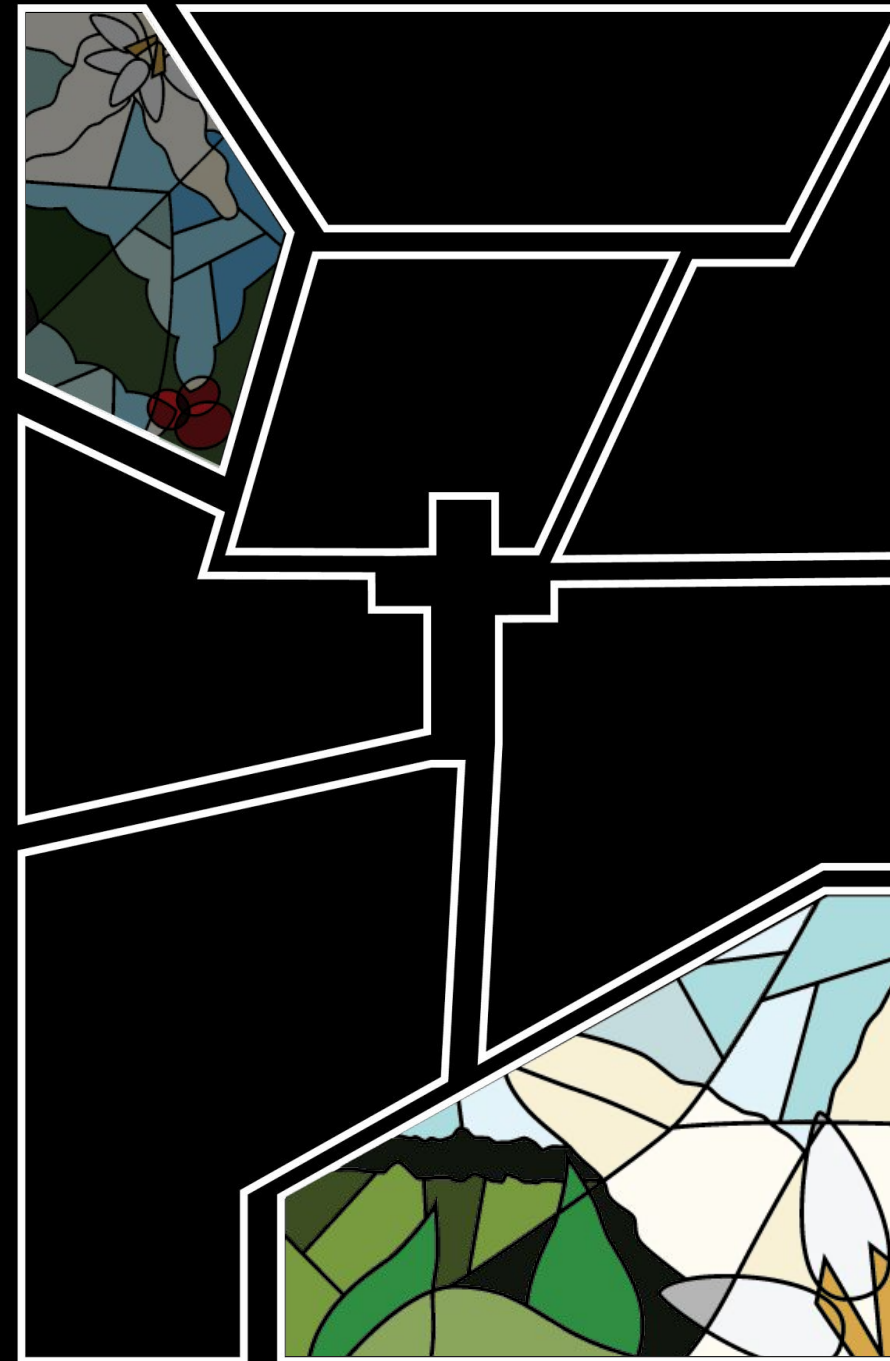




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Meant to help us disconnect to connect

cold showers only
work out every day
100 push-ups before bed
drink 80 oz. of water a day
finish a book in these 40 days
wake up at 6:30 every morning
weekly meeting for accountability
at least 1 hour in prayer and scripture

40 DAYS

no fast food
no social media
no sweets or soda
no food after dinner
no phone after 9 pm
no tv or video games
no major material purchases
no demeaning or explicit music



“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*



PALM
SUNDAY



ENTRY > SORROW > SUPPER > ARREST > TRIALS > DEATH > RESURRECTION

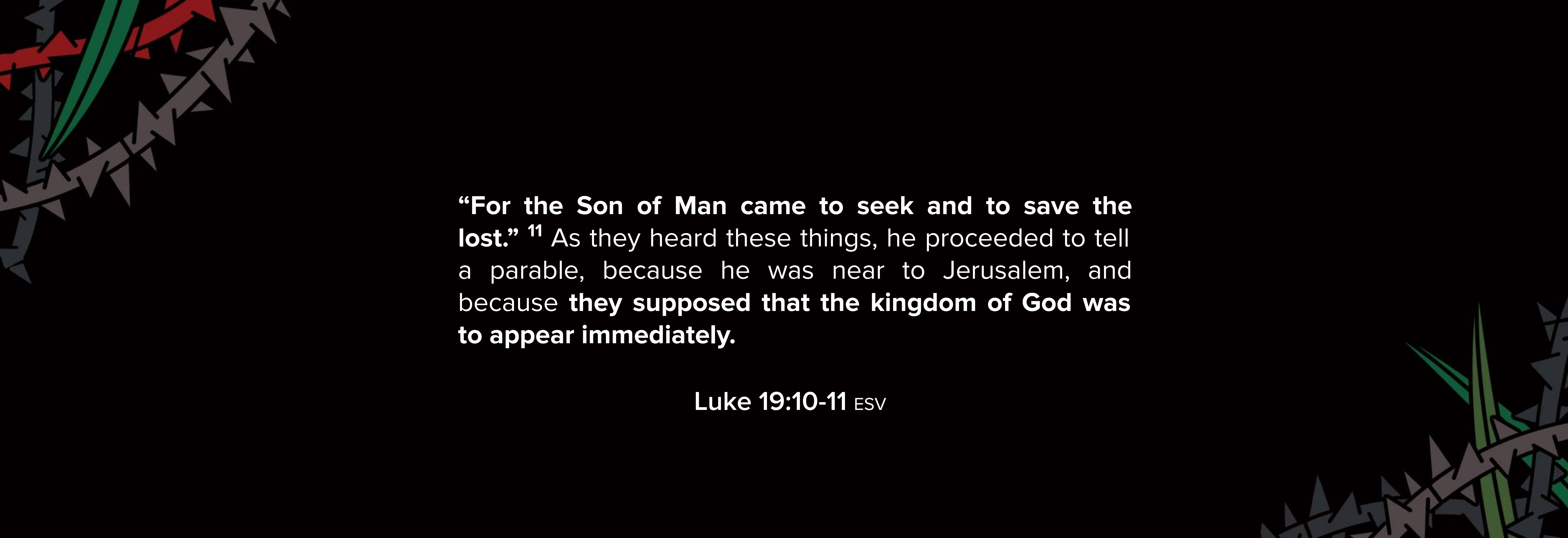


EASTER
SUNDAY

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When the days drew near for him to be taken up, **he set his face to go to Jerusalem.**

Luke 9:51 ESV



“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” ¹¹ As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because **they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.**

Luke 19:10-11 ESV





HIS ENTRY

LUKE 19:28-40

Unexpected Preparation

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

Luke 19:28-31 ESV

The Donkey



Symbolized peace/humility

The Donkey



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Fulfilled prophecy

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.

Zechariah 9:9b ESV

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Reflects His entrance into this world

Humble Entrance

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

Luke 19:32-36 ESV







Expectations

King



Reality

Servant Leader

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Prancing steed



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Humble donkey

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Royal robes



Reality

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Conquer by force



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Normal clothes

Salvation through sacrifice



Necessary Worship

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Luke 19:37-40 ESV






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Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and **every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with **palm branches** in their hands,¹⁰ and **crying out** with a loud voice, “**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**”

Revelation 7:9-10 ESV





Jesus Christ is our **unexpected,**
humble, and necessary King.

