

DIALED IN

PALM SUNDAY / Campus Pastors

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Ice Breaker: Pastor Marcus began with various examples of technology (rotary phones, Yellow Pages, Rolodex, Polaroid cameras, Camcorder, Walkman, Casio calculator watch, encyclopedias) that at the time was considered the latest and greatest. And now all of them and their functions have been replaced by Smartphones.

What technical device or Smartphone feature would you have the hardest time doing without for the rest of your life?

Encouragement: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the huge crowds welcomed Him with a triumphant parade, and excitement. Then just 5 days later, He was condemned by the crowds in order to fulfill God's plan of Salvation.

Share with one another a low point in your life that God helped you to overcome.

SCRIPTURE:

Pastor Marcus noted that of all **89 chapters** in the 4 Gospels,

4 chapters discuss Christ's first 30 years,

85 " " " last 3 years.

29 " " " last week - when it really counted.

If someone were write about your life, when time frame would be the most noteworthy, important or when would it really counted?

READ John 2:13-25 Jesus began His ministry by clearing out the Temple. At the end of His ministry, once again Jesus cleared (cleaned) out the Temple.

READ Mt 21:12-13, Mk 11:15-17, Lk 19:45-46. How do we know the description by John is a different event than what is described in Matt, Mark and Luke? (Hint: each of these Gospel events is preceded by other events in the same chapter which indicate a time reference.)

Why did Jesus clear out the Temple? (hint: Read Matt 21:14; it indicates who came forward once all the money changers were thrown out.)

The people laid down palm branches ahead of Jesus returning. What in your life needs to be 'thrown out' or eliminated for you to draw closer to Christ? What are you willing to Lay down in order to welcome the King?

Prayer (suggest pair up in groups of 2)

Even though the people were excited to see Jesus after hearing about all He had done, their expectations were too temporary and too limited.

The people were expecting honor, but God provided humility
the people were expecting revolution, but God provided revelation
the people were expecting power, but God provided peace
the people wanted to change their circumstances,
but God wanted to save their lives.

What can God provide in your life that would make an unexpected change but draw you closer to Him?

Next Steps:

* Be sure to invite/bring someone to the Easter service.

As you pray this week, how would you fill in these blanks?

Lord, Bless _____ so I can _____.
(describe how it will glorify or benefit God)

Notes:
