



Dear all,

Who is Jesus to you? Does your understanding of Jesus reflect the 'complete' Jesus we see revealed in Scripture or only part of Him?

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem and being given a rapturous welcome. People thought they knew who Jesus was, what He had arrived to do and held great expectations of Him.

Over the preceding three years, Jesus had shown the people that he was greatest teacher ever (Mathew 7:28); He turned water into wine (John 2) and fed the multitudes (Luke 9); He always had time for children (Mark 10); He walked on water (Matthew 14), was Lord over nature (Luke 8) and Lord over life and death (John 11).

In addition, some 150 years earlier, three brothers Simon, Judas and Jonathan Maccabeus had also entered Jerusalem in triumph after leading a highly successful uprising against the Syrians, that had freed the Jewish people. In their minds, they expected Jesus to deliver them now from the Romans. Yes, Jesus had come to deliver them, but not in the way they expected. Instead, Jesus had come to deliver them from sin and death – a deliverance they didn't understand and weren't prepared for. And so, in the space of a few days, the people changed their cries of welcome to cries for his blood.

As we enter Holy Week, can I encourage you to take the time to read the different Gospel accounts of Jesus to discover the real 'complete' Jesus.

With every blessing,
Tim

Church News:

- **Clocks 'spring forward'**
Remember clocks spring forward this Sunday so you need to get up 'an hour earlier' to enjoy the live-stream service (or you can watch it on catchup later)!
- **Weekly Challenge**
A great colouring in for Palm Sunday. [Click here to download it.](#)
Please send them to jenny@barrett.cc by Saturday 12noon.
- **Kitchen Project**
[Click here](#) to learn about the Kitchen Project. A Gift Day to enable this project is being held on 4th April (Easter Sunday). What will your response be?
- **Annual Address & Roadmap**
[Click here](#) to read my Annual Address from Sunday 7th March.
[Click here](#) to view St Mary's Roadmap.
- **Lent & Easter 2021**
[Click here](#) to visit our Lent & Easter Resources webpage where you can find various articles and videos focused on Lent.



- **Sunday Services**
This Sunday's Service includes Communion – do get ready for this.

After the service, please join us on Zoom for 'Zoffee and Zea' for a time of catching up with each other at **11:45am**.

Under Aslan's paw,
Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon