

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Palm Sunday Message (March 29, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of Wednesday's Sermon.* —

1. A.W. Tozer's prayer challenges us to exalt Christ above possessions, friendships, comforts, and reputation. Which of these areas is most difficult for you to surrender, and what steps can you take to elevate Christ above it?
2. The sermon contrasts Mary's extravagant act of worship with Judas's self-centered criticism. How does this challenge us to examine our own motives when we give to God or critique the worship of others?
3. Jesus delayed going to Lazarus for two days, not because He didn't care but to bring greater glory to God. How does this example help us trust God's timing when He seems to delay answering our prayers?
4. The religious leaders plotted to kill Jesus even after witnessing His miracles and hearing His teaching. What does this reveal about the danger of hardened hearts, and how can we guard against spiritual blindness in our own lives?
5. Jesus repeatedly declared that His hour had not yet come until the appointed time. How does understanding God's sovereign timing over Jesus's life and death deepen your trust in His plan for your own circumstances?
6. The crowds cried 'Hosanna' meaning 'Save now' as Jesus entered Jerusalem, yet many would turn against Him within days. What does this teach us about the difference between emotional excitement and genuine, lasting commitment to Christ?
7. Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem on a humble donkey rather than a warhorse, fulfilling prophecy and demonstrating His peaceful mission. How does Christ's humility in His first coming shape our expectations and preparation for His second coming?
8. The Pharisees were angered by Jesus healing on the Sabbath and calling God His Father. How do religious traditions or pride sometimes prevent us from recognizing God's work in unexpected ways or people?
9. Zechariah prophesied that Israel should 'rejoice greatly' and 'tremble' at the coming King. How can we cultivate both joyful celebration and reverent fear in our relationship with Christ?
10. Jesus was examined by the religious leaders as the spotless Lamb of God, unknowingly fulfilling their role in God's redemptive plan. How does recognizing that even opposition to God can serve His purposes affect how you view difficulties or persecution in your own life?