

PCOM SERMON NOTES

March 29, 2026 • Pastor Daryl Ellis

Sermon Series: Close Encounters: Jesus in the Gospels

Scriptures: John 11:45-54, 12:12-19

Notes:

- The question to expose foolishness: how much does the story we're telling ourselves match up with the way things _____ ?
- The key question for Holy Week: Will we accept Jesus as the true _____ of this world?
- Four types of responses on Palm Sunday:
 1. Crowds: _____ without suffering
 2. Shouters: _____ without following
 3. Pharisees: _____ without surrendering
 4. Disciples: _____ and _____ without giving up

Discussion Questions on Back

Questions for discussion:

1. Have you ever experienced the human capacity for self-deception? What effect did this self-deception have on that person? How about on the people around them?
2. Which of the first three responses—crowds, shouters, and Pharisees—is most tempting to you? Which one do you witness most in the world?
3. How might it add to our understanding of Jesus to think of him not just as our Savior, but also our King?
4. Have you ever thought of “watching and waiting” as a key calling of a disciple? How can you embrace watching and waiting during Holy Week?

Next Week's Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11, Pastor Jackson