



## Palm Sunday - Unarmed

*“The Unarmed King”*

*Matthew 21:1-11; 26-27*

*Jesus shows us that love, not force is what rescues us.*

### ***It's Palm Sunday***

*This is the first day of Holy Week, and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It's also a day when we see Jesus' unarmed revolution in full effect.*

***Today, we are going to explore the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem in a dramatically different way than the Empire. And we'll also learn something about what it means to be rescued by love.***

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- The state is set for a showdown between Jesus and the Empire.*
- His choice of how to enter the city for Passover is politically charged.*
- There is a sharp comparison between how he enters and Pilate's entry.*
- The people gathered were expecting something to change by force.*
- They wanted Jesus to use the same tactics of the Empire, but he didn't.*

***This passage forces us to confront how our expectations about Jesus often get turned upside down, and how leading with love is the only true way to transformation, and rescue from ourselves.***

### ***Some Important Questions***

- 1. Has your need to win at all costs become the driving force of your faith?*
- 2. Are we strong enough to lay down our armor and weapons to let love in?*
- 3. What could it look like if the Church truly embraced Jesus' example?*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### **FOR FURTHER READING:**

#### **Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent**

*Richard Rohr*

#### **Show Me The Way**

*Henri Nouwen*

#### **A Way Other Than Our Own**

*Walter Brueggeman*

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