

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What are the last seven “words” that Jesus said on the cross? What makes these statements so significant?
2. Why were the first words of Jesus on the cross a prayer? What did He pray for? Who did He pray for? What does this mean for us today?
3. How is the prayer of Jesus in Luke 23.34 a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53.12?
4. In what way did those responsible for the execution of Jesus not know what they were doing?
5. How does the juxtaposition of the triumphal entry and the crucifixion only days later reveal a deep misunderstanding of Jesus? How is Jesus misunderstood today?
6. What did the palm branch symbolize in the ancient near east? Why did the people wave palm branches at the triumphal entry? Where do we see people waving palm branches at Jesus for a second time? Why are these two triumphal entries good news for all who trust in Jesus?
7. What does the word “hosanna” mean? How is the crucifixion of Jesus the answer to this plea?