



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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Preacher's Note Palm Sunday 28 March 2021



As they walked towards the main road coming in from the coast, Heim could hear the crowd chanting. "Save us! Save us! Save us!", it sounded like.

Coming nearer, he could see that they were waving the victory branches and throwing their coats on the road.

"This must be the conquering hero we've heard about", he thought to himself. "I wonder what he looks like?" "I mean, of course we've heard about him – producing food out of thin air, healing people on death's door". "And, the scathing criticism of the priests and scribes, who make up the impossible rules and make us follow them." "Who hasn't heard about that? But is he the king we're waiting for?"

As he strained to see what was going on, he recalled history lessons from the Synagogue scrolls. At the height of the kingdom, kings and generals would come down this road on their horses, being cheered on by the crowds for their bravery in battle. "I wonder if this king is brave, and good-looking, and fearless, like the old days? I wonder if he's going to take us back to when Israel was great, and we were wealthy?" And more recently, the Maccabees, who had chased the Seleucids out of Jerusalem, and who had ridden back into a freed city to the chanting of the crowds. "I wonder if he will build an army as then, and chase the cruel Romans away, and we will be free, and proud once again?"

Fighting for a place at the roadside, he caught a glimpse of a figure, wrapped in an ordinary cloak, sitting on a donkey, before losing his place again. "What?" he thought to himself. "He's not at all like I expected." "I wonder why the people are cheering him on like this?"

Preacher's Note Continued

What is this ordinary-looking guy going to do for us that we treat him like a king?"

What do you make of our Lord as you catch glimpses of Him in your journey through this world? Is He at all what you expected? Or do you also make your way back through the crowd, shaking your head and wishing He was more like you want him to be?

God Bless, Andrew

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We encourage families to join in with either the Sunrise or the 08h00 service.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER - Flo Smith

OTHER NOTICES

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS EASTER APPEAL - We welcome donations of small chocolate marshmallow eggs & hot cross buns for our various outreaches.

NEWBORN, TODDLER, KIDDIES & TEENS CLOTHING

Donations of quality clothing needed. Please leave at the help desk or office. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - We need welcome stewards & to assist with temperature testing, data & sound operators for the 09h00 service. Please contact the office if you can help.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Nellie Schooling	28 March
Winnie Botha	29 March
Linda Kietzman	30 March
Jeffrey Valentine	31 March
Pieter Grobbelaar	1 April
Sarah-Jane McGuigan	1 April
Kerry Crocker	2 April
David Engelke	2 April
Richard Jackson	2 April
April Bosch	3 April

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - 29 MARCH TO 4 APRIL 2021

Due to Covid and the security measures DMC needs to put in place it has been decided that the Holy Week services will be done on line.

Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st March the services will be available via Facebook and on the DMC website. It will also be sent via WhatsApp. **Services at 19h00.**

Maundy Thursday - 1 April at 19h00 in the church. Communion will be served.

Good Friday Service - 2 April at 08h30 in the church.

Good Friday Offertory - will be in aid of the Ministerial Students Fund. There will be a basket at the back of the church or EFT, Reference: Ministerial Students Fund.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society, Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410, Account Number: 275125750.

Easter Sunday - 4 April we will be having 2 services. Sunrise at 06h45 outside and the second service at 08h00 in the church. Communion will be served at both services. There will be a separate box at the back of the sanctuary for the Retiring Offering to assist those who are in need.

SUNDAY SERVICE - As from Sunday 11 April there will be one service at 09h00.

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