



Sermon Resources

Sermon: *Highs and Lows*

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

John 12:12-36; John 19:1-16

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) Focusing on the gift of Easter provides stability through life's ups and downs.

THE GIFT OF EASTER PROVIDES STABILITY WHEN OUR **RELATIONSHIPS** ARE UNSTEADY

THE GIFT OF EASTER PROVIDES STABILITY WHEN OUR **EMOTIONS** ARE UNSTEADY

THE GIFT OF EASTER PROVIDES STABILITY WHEN OUR **CIRCUMSTANCES** ARE UNSTEADY

MEMORY VERSE

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" – John 12:13 NIV

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

(Icebreaker) Adam started the sermon with stories of a few of the toughest athletes in history. Who would you add to the list? Do you have your own impressive story of physical resilience?

In John 12:12-13 and John 19:1-6, we see a huge contrast in the last week of Jesus' life on earth as he is both praised and mocked. What stands out to you as you read this story after intentionally preparing for Easter over the past several weeks?

Think of a time when your relationships, emotions, circumstances, or all of the above were unsteady. How did focusing on Jesus keep you grounded (or how would it have helped to focus on Jesus more in that time)?

Read Luke 22:42-44. Have you ever prayed with this kind of conviction and passion? What do you think would change if you did?

During this series, we have fasted, repented, picked up God's word, leaned into grace, and embraced a posture of worship. Which of these things has been most impactful for you? How has what you've learned changed how you will go into Holy Week this year?

Who are you inviting to sit with you at our Easter services this Saturday and Sunday? Help your group think of ways to invite others, and pray over those who you're inviting together.