

BECOMING: Come & See!

Scripture used: [Matthew 21:9–10 \(NRSV\)](#), [John 1:45–46 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

As we close the *Becoming* series, we are reminded that Jesus practiced habits that kept Him aligned with the Father and helped Him fulfill the scriptures throughout His life. These same practices are available to us. Through Sabbath, solitude and silence, fasting, and memorizing scripture, God forms us in love, grace, joy, peace, strength, and endurance. But the Christian life is not only personal. It also includes engaging in community and witnessing. Palm Sunday reveals that Jesus always calls for a response. As He entered Jerusalem, the crowds saw Him through the lens of their own expectations. Many hoped for a political savior who would free them from Roman rule. Their cry of “Hosanna,” meaning “save us now,” revealed both their desperation and misunderstanding. Jesus stirred the city and caused people to ask, “Who is this?” That same question is still being asked today. People are open to Jesus even while skeptical of religion. That gives the church an opportunity to respond, not with pressure or debate, but with a simple invitation: come and see!

KEY POINTS

1. **Jesus still causes people to ask, “Who is this?”** When Jesus entered Jerusalem in [Matthew 21:9–10 \(NRSV\)](#), He stirred the city into turmoil. The people wanted rescue, but many misunderstood the kind of Savior Jesus came to be. That same question remains alive today. In times of confusion and uncertainty, people are still searching for who Jesus really is.
2. **Witnessing begins with an invitation, not an argument.** Philip’s words in [John 1:45–46 \(NLT\)](#) give us a simple model: “Come and see.” Witnessing is not about pressure, performance, or having every answer. It is about inviting people to encounter Jesus for themselves in the context of a loving community.
3. **Community creates space for healing, belonging, and faith.** Pastor Ger Jones’s story shows the power of community. After being wounded in church and walking away from Jesus, he later accepted an invitation to return. In a small group, he found space to ask hard questions, process pain, and belong before he believed again. God used that community to restore him. The church should be a place where people feel safe enough to heal and honest enough to seek Jesus.
4. **There is power in your story.** God often works through the testimony of broken people. Paul spoke openly about his past ([Acts 22:4 \(CEV\)](#) & [Galatians 1:13 \(NLT\)](#)), not to glorify sin, but to magnify God’s redeeming love. [Mark 16:9 \(NLT\)](#) reminds us that Jesus included Mary Magdalene in the resurrection story. Our stories matter because they reveal the grace of God. Witnessing includes listening to someone else’s story, honoring their pain, and sharing how Jesus has met us in our own.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Jesus invites us to a life shaped by loving community. People are still searching for Him, and our role is not to pressure them, but to invite them to come and see. God uses community, compassion, and honest stories to draw people to Himself.

- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Who around you may be searching for Jesus right now? How can your community become a safer place for people to belong, ask questions, and heal? What part of your story might God use to point someone else toward His grace?
- 3) **DO** - Invite one person this week to come and see. Listen carefully to their story, honor their pain, and trust God to use your welcome, your community, and your testimony to draw them closer to Jesus.