



Pilgrims and the Priest

Sunday Bible Study Guide | March 29, 2026

Weekly Memory Verse

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.*

Psalm 118:26-27

Mixer

What is the longest trip or journey you have ever been on? What were your feelings during travel? What was it like finally arriving at your destination?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:19-20, 26-27; Matthew 21:9

Sermon Recap & Prayer

Palm Sunday marked the beginning of Passover week where the people of Israel would travel as pilgrims to Jerusalem to worship God. The priests would speak blessing over them and represent them before God.

Matthew 21:9 shows us their expectation that power and authority would eventually be taken from Rome and transferred to Jesus as the Messiah. Pastor Josh referenced **Psalm 118:25-26** to pose the question: "What would it look like for us to live a life free of control from the things of this world and show up in everyday life in the name of the LORD?"

- Gratitude opens the gates of righteousness (**Psalm 118:19**).
- Blessing flows from the presence of God (**Proverbs 10:22**).
- God's name is placed on you (**Numbers 6:24-27**).

Discussion Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read **Psalm 118:19-20**. How were people expected to approach God? What was the purpose or symbolism behind the temple gates?
2. Read **Psalm 118:25-26**. What does it mean for Jesus to carry God's authority?
3. Read **Matthew 21:9**. If you were in the shoes of the people, would you have the similar expectation that Jesus was there to deliver you from the political authority of Rome?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Pastor Josh compared **Philippians 4:6-7** and **Romans 1:21**. Read these passages and discuss how gratitude or a lack of gratitude changes how you pray and approach God.
2. **Proverbs 10:22** talks about the blessing of the Lord without 'painful toil.' Where in your life do you feel that you're still living under "painful toil" rather than grace?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. What does it mean that God places *His name* on you?
2. What area(s) of your life (i.e., walk with Jesus, family life, finances, work, church involvement, etc.) are you more likely to assert control in rather than ask and surrender to God?
3. What is one tangible step you can take this week to live more fully under God's authority?

Huddles

Break into small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender for deeper sharing, accountability, and prayer.

Go First With Us!

Want to be baptized? Next one: May 17!



Easter Weekend

Good Friday: Worship & Communion | April 3rd from 6 - 7:30 PM

Good Friday Battle Mountain Hike | April 3rd at 6:15 AM

Easter Services | April 4th at 5 PM & April 5th at 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM