



# Monday Messenger

Messiah Lutheran Church + Mauldin, SC

## Holy Week

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9*

People of Messiah:

Every year the Church ruins a great celebration by its instance on focusing on the negative. I'm talking about Palm Sunday; yes, I'm irritated. We wave our palm branches and process into the sanctuary singing one of the great hymns of the year, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. So far so good. After all, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Then, unfortunately, the Church presents a Gospel account depicting the demise and death of Jesus. EVERY LITTLE DETAIL OF THE STORY. A Sunday that begins in celebration ends in devastation. Doesn't seem right, does it?

Here's the uncomfortable truth about Holy Week... it's messy. As much as we would love to move seamlessly from the celebration of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to the glorious news of His Resurrection, we plod through troubling stories emanating from the Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, Pilate's Praetorium, Golgotha, and the borrowed tomb. It's heavy, it's gruesome, it's messy.

And it's important. If Jesus calls us to bear crosses as disciples - to lower ourselves in service to others - then it's important to appreciate the humility and humiliation that marked Jesus path from crucified teacher to Risen Christ. By His death we are raised to newness of life.

Blessings as you walk the way of the Cross.

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## This Week at Messiah

**Wednesday, April 16**

Bible Study @ 9:30 am  
Midday Worship @ Noon

**Maundy Thursday**

Worship @ 6:30 pm

**Good Friday**

Worship @ 6:30 pm

**Easter Sunday**

Community Sunrise Service @ 6:45 am  
Easter Worship @ 8, 9, 11 am  
Breakfast: 7:30—10:15 am  
Easter Egg Hunt—Following 9 am Worship