

# Stretching the Sermon

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The following are intended to help the reader reflect back on the previous Sunday's sermon and offers an opportunity to dig deeper into ideas, concepts and reactions that will stretch what you have already gained from the sermon.

How you proceed, or if you proceed, is up to you. You may find that writing out answers suits you best. There is also the option of simply responding without writing. Another option is to go through this with a spouse or friend. You need not worry, as you will not be graded on your responses. My hope and prayer is that you will find it useful.

Please keep in mind that the sermons can be accessed on the church site.

1. At this point, is your life sliding from hope to disappointment or from disappointment to hope? Are there any interventions you should be considering?
2. Okay, let's give our imaginations a bit of a workout. Pastor Melissa tells us about the time she walked through our parking lot waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna as loud as she could. Close your eyes and try to picture this.
3. Do you remember the Hebrew definition of Hosanna?
4. What does Holy Week mean to you? Has this changed over the years? Does it have a new definition for you this year?
5. Compare and contrast both "triumphal entries" into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
6. For you, what is the bottom line concerning Holy Week?