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Summary

In this message, Kyle explains that on Palm Sunday, when people welcomed Jesus as King, they were hoping He would save them from their problems. But Jesus came to bring a deeper kind of salvation. Going back to Genesis, we see that sin entered the world through confusion about God's Word, presuming we know better than God and ambition to live life our own way. These temptations still affect us today. Jesus even faced them in the wilderness. But he overcame them perfectly, showing that He is not only our sacrifice for sin but also our King who leads us out of it. Because of Jesus, we can have confidence rather than confusion, trust God's promises rather than assume He is holding out on us and rest in our identity rather than striving to prove ourselves. Ultimately, Jesus saves us not just from sin, but from ourselves, and invites us to follow Him into a bigger, kingdom-focused life.

Scripture

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:1-7

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

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“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. Matthew 4:1-11

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 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!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.” John 12:12-15

Let’s Start

Describe the best boss you’ve ever had.

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let’s Talk

1. In John 12, what were the people expecting Jesus to do as their King? How is that different from what He actually came to do?
2. In Genesis 3, what do you notice about how the serpent creates confusion about God’s Word? Where do we see that happening today?
3. Which of the three temptations—confusion, presumption or ambition—feels most familiar in your own life right now?
4. How did Jesus respond differently to temptation in Matthew 4 compared to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3?

