

Sermon Guide for March 29, 2026

**Sermon Title:** “The Real Deal”

**Primary Text:** Luke 9:18-36

Sunday was **PALM SUNDAY** and officially begins the celebration of Holy Week. As you remember our message from Sunday and look forward to the Cross and the Resurrection, it’s essential we remember who Jesus really is!

We looked at how four people answer the question: “Who is Jesus?” The people recognized that Jesus is a **PROPHET**- speaking with the voice of God. Peter rightly declared Jesus as the **MESSIAH** – the savior of His people. Jesus expanded our understanding in that Jesus was the **suffering servant** promised in Isaiah 53. God Himself spoke through the cloud to remind us that Jesus is **God’s Son** and that we should listen to Him! Finally, we saw that we need to think about how **we** answer the question, and how we tell others about our answer.

**Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:**

Matthew 16:13-17:8

Isaiah 53:4-6

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

**Questions to Consider this week:**

- Jesus identified Himself as the Savior, but reminded us that meant he came to **suffer** for our sake. When I think about what Christ did for me, do I think about how he **suffered**, and what it would mean if He **hadn’t** ?
- On Palm Sunday, the people welcomed Jesus in as a conquering King. When I think about how I live my life, do I view Him as King over all areas in my life?
- The **Church** is the physical manifestation and representation of Jesus in the world today... how are we as a church and as individuals speaking God’s words to our community? How are we suffering for each other’s sake? Are there area we are *not* doing that well?

**Guided Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, Thank You for being more than we expected. We praise You for who You are – **Prophet, King, and Savior**. Help me remember that as I go through my week. Just as You looked towards the Cross and Your future glory, this week as we anticipate **Easter** help us look not just at the cross but at your future Glory when you come again, as victorious King over all. -AMEN*

**Song for Personal Worship:**

“King of Kings” (Worship Initiative)

<https://youtu.be/waPHubwOPMM?si=FnWbvN3atg3ChZjW>