



PALM SUNDAY: The King Who Comes to Free Us

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Matthew 21:1-11 NLT

1. God Rarely Does Things How We Want

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Matthew 21:1-3 NLT

2. The Gap Between Expectation and Reality

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Matthew 21:4-5 NLT

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Matthew 21:8-10 NLT