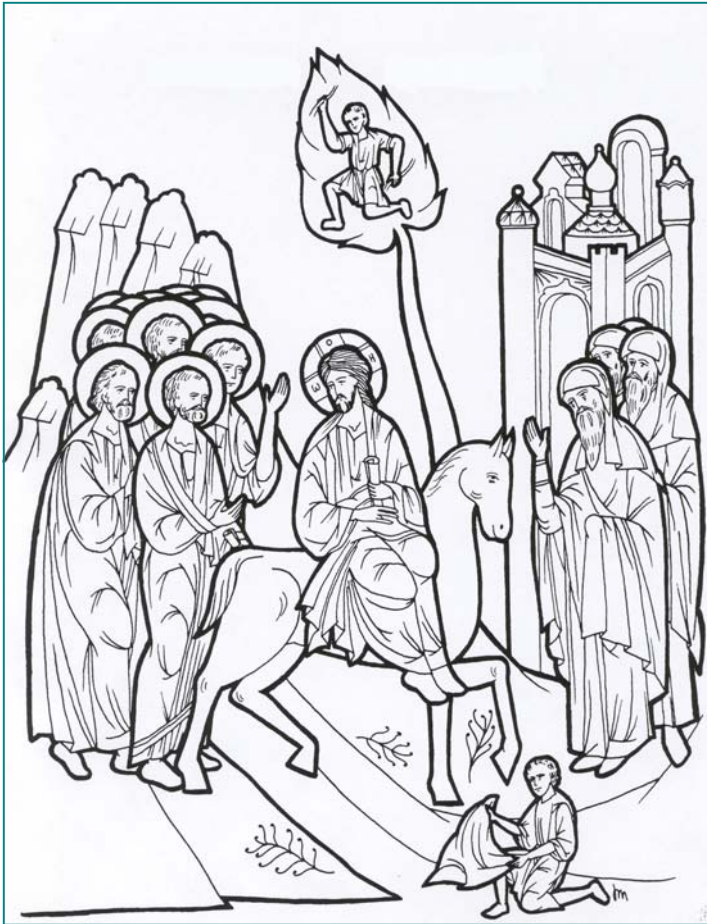


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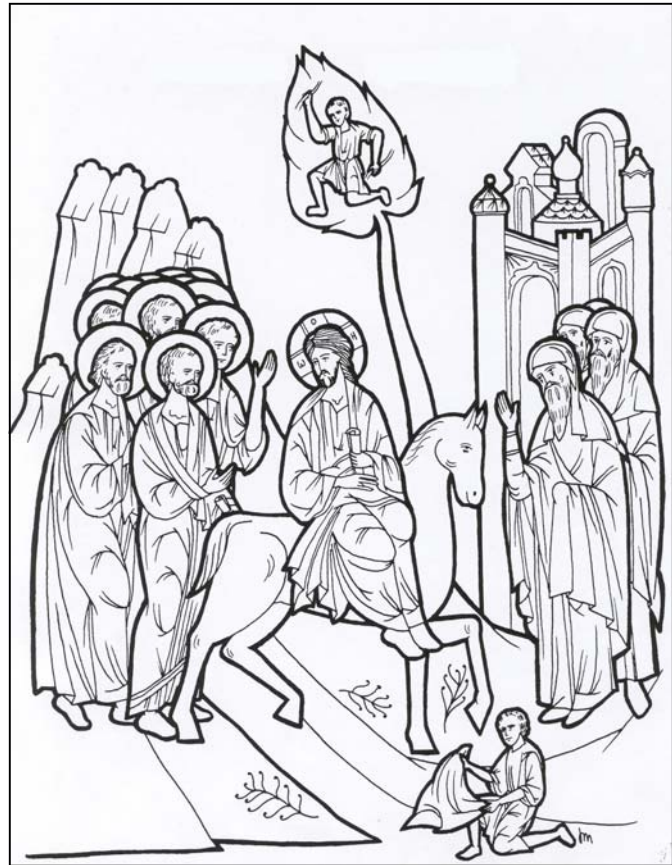
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Jesus is Hailed as a King

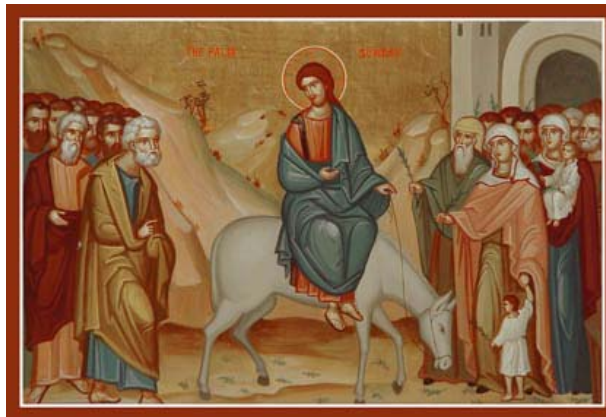
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Thinking About God's Word . . . *John 12:1-18*

1. What does "hosanna" mean? Would you say hello to one of your friends by saying hosanna? Why or why not? Why do you think the people in this gospel say hosanna to Jesus?
2. Who is the crowd talking about when

they shout: "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord?"

3. Do you recognize this phrase from the gospel? Where do you hear us use this saying in the liturgy? Who are we talking about when we say that in the liturgy?

4. What do we do after we sing those words?

5. . What do the word "hosanna" and the phrase "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" say about Jesus?



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Focus questions

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3. Why is it significant that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? What is Jesus revealing about himself by doing that act?
4. What event does the phrase, "when Jesus was glorified," refer to? What did Jesus have to do in order for his disciples to understand who He is?
5. What do all of these sayings and events together tell us about who Jesus is?

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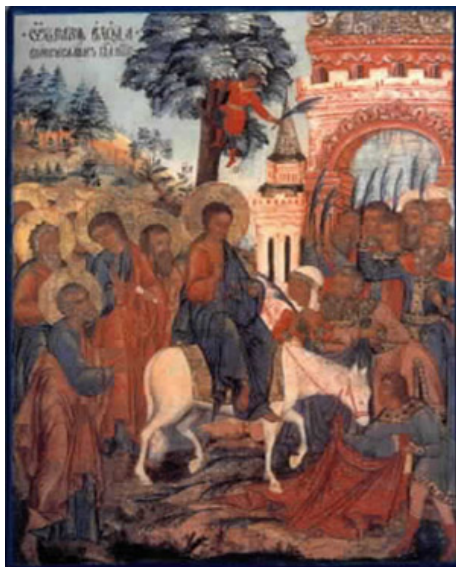
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2. Does this mean we do not need to care for the poor?
3. Do you think Judas' question is a valid one? Why or why not? Is there any problem with his question? What is it, if any?
4. We have a lot of materials in our churches that we use to carry out our services. Why do you think we spend money on these things when there are poor people in our areas? Do you think that is right? Why or why not?

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