

## EASTER AT EMMANUEL

**Good Friday:** April 3 at 12 pm

**Easter Weekend:** Saturday, April 4 at 6 pm and  
Sunday, April 5 at 7, 9, and 11 am

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### New to Emmanuel?



**E:Connect** is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

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### Let Us Know You're Here



New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.

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Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

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March 28 & 29, 2026 | Palm Sunday | Mark 11:1-18 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

### HOW IT STARTED

1. God's intent has always been to make a way for anyone to DRAW NEAR to Him.

*Exodus 26:31 And **you shall make a veil** of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. 32 And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. 33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And **the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.** 34 You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.*

- a. The veil was a LOVING boundary.

*Leviticus 16:2 and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, **so that he may not die.** For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.*

- b. The veil made it safe for sinners to be close to GOD.

*Leviticus 16:3 But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place:...*

*Leviticus 16:15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood **inside the veil** and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.*

*Leviticus 16:16 Thus he shall **make atonement** for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins....*

*Leviticus 16:17 No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to **make atonement** in the Holy Place until he comes out and has **made atonement** for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.*

2. We weren't made to RELATE to God through a veil.

### Ask Yourself

How convinced am I that God wants to be close to me? Why?

## HOW IT'S GOING

1. Palm Sunday follows Jesus straight to the HEART of Holy Week.

*Mark 11:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it... 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 **And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple.** And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.*

a. Outside the veil the way to God gets layered with LEGALISM.

*Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. **And he entered the temple** and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, '**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a den of robbers.**'"*

b. Outside the veil the way to God gets cluttered with COMMERCIALISM.

*Mark 11:18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were **seeking a way to destroy him**, for they feared him, because all the crowd was **astonished** at his teaching.*

2. RELIGIOUS people often get close enough to God to miss Him entirely.

### Ask Yourself

What religious thoughts or practices am I engaging in that may be filtering out or cluttering up my intimacy with God?