

March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday Pastor Jim Larson

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY: MORE THAN JUST A PARADE Matthew 21:1-11

A parade has no purpose beyond itself; an inauguration is the start of a new era.

Embracing a new role ...

The pivot point in ministry didn't change who Jesus was, but it did intensify his

actions.

When we embrace our role in God's kingdom, we embrace our destiny.

When it's time to act ...

Successful pivots capitalize on a new situation to motivate new purpose

and sacrifice.

Something to Think About – Week of March $20^{\rm th}$

Sunday Jim talked about the planned pivot that Jesus made when he entered Jerusalem in the Triumphal Entry. It closed a door on the way he had ministered and opened the door to a new pathway.

Read Hebrews 5:7-9.

What did Jesus do to in order to meet the challenge of the direction that God had given him?

Was the challenge pleasant or difficult?

After all that pain, and the struggle of following, was it worth it?

What pivots have you faced or are you facing in your life?

When the parade is over ...

When the new door <u>opens</u>, the old door <u>closes</u>.

What can you learn from the example of Jesus?