

3-25-18 Sermon Title: Seeing Things a Little Differently

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John 12:12-19

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The Pharisees'

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What would it look like for you this morning to have a moment where you look at Jesus or at church in a different light?

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2. Show someone else how Jesus is your king this week.
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