

April 13, 2025

REFLECT & RESPOND

WELCOME! We're glad you're here! If you're new to Turning Point we'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a Feedback form in the back of a chair in front of you and drop it in the Offering Box on your way out.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Turning Point's Good Friday service will be Friday, April 18th at 6:00 pm.

MEN'S MINISTRY SATURDAY BREAKFAST: Join us on Sat., April 26th, here at TPC at 8:00 am. for our Men's Breakfast. If you would like to help in the kitchen or with setting up, we start preparing at 7:00.



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For questions call or text Ron Brinkman 402-312-9517.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: Meeting every Tues at 7am at Denny's restaurant (next to Super 8 motel). Come and join us. For more info call the office at 360-489-0378.



SMALL GROUPS: Want to have a deep community with other Jesus followers? A Small Group is a great place to make roots within the family at TPC. We have Groups that meet in homes or the church, If you are interested in joining one, we can get you connected, fill out the Feedback Form or email us. at admin@turningpointolympia.com



HIS KID'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: generally offers classes for ages 1-11 during 2nd service starting right after communion. Signups and more information are available at the check-in desks. We encourage older students to absorb the teaching from the pulpit.

We look forward to serving and knowing you and your family.

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7



THE LORD'S SUPPER is the act of remembering Jesus for what he accomplished by dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus asked his followers to remember that his body was broken and his blood was shed as he took the punishment for our sin.

You don't have to be a member of Turning Point to participate. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord then you are welcome to join us in celebrating the Lord's Table.



THE LORD'S PANTRY: Thanks to all of you who are so generous with your finances and giving to the Food Bank. With inflation, we are in need of your continued support both financially and physically. The Lord's Pantry is open on the 4th Thursday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, call Hank Thietje at 360-701-6698.

Want to know more about Turning Point? Our purpose is to help you deepen your love and commitment to God and to fulfill his purposes for your life. We have two classes - Entry Point 1 followed by Entry Point 2 which will help you get connected. **Indicate your interest on the feedback form which you will find in the back of the chair in front of you and simply place in the offering box** or online ([Contact page](#)).



GIVING: At Turning Point Church giving is voluntary (2 Cor 9:7). Rather than pass a plate, we encourage you to give as you are blessed. You may give by cash, check, (offering boxes are located on the back wall and lobby) or electronically ([Pushpay](#) app or [Website](#)).

MOMS: WE HAVE A ROOM FOR YOU. The Mothers' Only Room is located upstairs (Room #4). This room is designed to provide privacy and a quiet, comfortable place where mothers can continue to see and hear the service while feeding their babies.

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The Palms of Victory

In the ancient world, palm branches were a big deal, symbolizing victory, triumph, and royalty. They were used in many cultures, like Egypt, Greece, and Rome, and the date palm tree, common in the Middle East, was the main symbol.

Where it Started: The use of palm branches goes way back, especially in the Middle East and Mediterranean. In ancient Egypt (around 1500 BCE), palms were linked to the sun god Ra, symbolizing life and fertility. The Greeks and Romans, by around the 6th century BCE, picked up on this and used palm branches to honor military victories or to celebrate athletes' achievements. It became a symbol of success and divine favor.

Palms and Kings: In the ancient world, palms were a royal symbol. By the 1st century BCE, when a general won a big victory, like a Roman military commander returning from a successful campaign, they were often given palm branches as a sign of success and approval from the gods. It wasn't just for athletes, it was a symbol that the ruler or leader was blessed and victorious.

Palms in Israel: In Israel, palms started popping up in the Old Testament, especially during festivals. One of the main times they were used was during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), which dates back to around the 5th century BCE in the post-exilic period, when people waved palm branches as part of their celebrations. This was all about showing joy, thankfulness, and remembering how God took care of the Israelites during their time in the wilderness.

But the most famous use of palms in Israel is probably during **Jesus' Triumphal Entry** in the **1st century CE** (John 12:12-13), when crowds greeted Jesus with palm branches as He entered Jerusalem. They saw Him as the King who would bring victory, which connects to the ancient tradition of honoring kings with palms. However, this moment was different because Jesus' kingship wasn't about military power, it was about His ultimate victory through sacrifice.

So, palms have been a symbol of kingship, victory, and divine favor for a long time, and in both the ancient world and Israel, they've carried deep meaning about honor, triumph, and God's blessing.

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