

The New Testament Church  
*The Trinity and Palm Sunday*  
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## I The Trinity

- A. Genesis 1:26 – *Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness*
  - 1. Elohim – singular and plural word in Hebrew
  - 2. In Creation (Ge. 1:1-3) – *God (the Father) planned, God the Spirit moved (vibrated), and God the Son “spoke” light into being...*
  - 3. Ge. 2:7 – *the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (body), breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit); and man becoming a living soul.*
- B. What we believe about God will be demonstrated in how we govern the earth
  - 1. Is God one or many?
    - a. Monotheism (oneness)
    - b. Polytheism (many)
  - 2. Tertullian (200) and the Athanasian Creed (450 AD) – He is both one and many!
  - 3. Westminster Confession 1647 – *Father is of none... Son eternally begotten... the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son*
- C. We are called to live “in His Name” – a balance of the “one and many”
  - 1. We are called to be separate (bride of Christ) from sin – holy, “not of the world”
  - 2. We are called to influence (salt and light of world) the culture – “in the world”

## II Palm Sunday – Lamb Selection Day

- A. The original Lamb Selection Day – Exodus 12:1-6
  - 1. The father of the family (or household) *chose* the lamb
  - 2. It was to be examined by the family for four days – making sure it had no blemishes
  - 3. (At the time of Jesus, father’s role usurped by religious leaders, they chose the lambs)
  - 4. On Passover (at twilight), the lamb would be sacrificed and eaten (suffering of Jesus)
  - 5. The daily sacrifice (Tamiyd) would be at 9 AM and 3 PM each day (Lev. 29:38-42)
  - 6. Preparation Day the day before the weekly Sabbath (a Friday); then *Unleavened Bread*
- B. The Father - **Plans**
  - 1. He chose the Lamb “from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8)
  - 2. He brought the Lamb to his family “the Jew first” to examine Him (to bond and test)
- C. The Son - **Judges**
  - 1. When the Son is lifted up, *He will draw all men to him* (John 12:32)
  - 2. The disciples came *with* Him into Jerusalem – had already approved Him (even Judas)
  - 3. Visitors and strangers came *to* Him from afar – with palms (Ps. 92; Rev. 7:9)
  - 4. Others came to *oppose* Him – Pharisees, Sadducees, Herod, Pilate – found no fault
  - 5. Christ fulfilled feast of *Unleavened Bread* which followed; rising as first wave offering
- D. The Spirit – **Executes** the plan
  - 1. The Spirit exalted humility – riding on a donkey, “meek and lowly”
  - 2. Spirit inspired shouting “Hosanna” – *hoshiya na* – “help, save us now” – Psalm 118:25
  - 3. Spirit caused the children shouted hosanna as He came into the Temple (Luke 19:40)
  - 4. Spirit inspired intense teaching the last week before his crucifixion and resurrection
  - 5. Spirit strengthened Jesus – “not my will but thine be done” – Gethsemane / crucifixion