

## **Sermon Summary**

### **Palm Sunday**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2012**

- The Entry to Jerusalem allows us to consider the question: who did Jesus think he was?
- Albert Schweitzer argued that the event clearly indicated Jesus was the Messiah.
- Four options present themselves:
- Jesus did not know what he was doing and unaware of the significance of his actions. This does not fit with his portrayal as a skilled and respected interpreter of Scripture.
- He did it deliberately to deceive. Again, there is a question of fit.
- He knew what he was doing- and acted clearly to support his beliefs. But the portrayal is blurred and does not well with some of his earlier practice. Jesus does not act openly on a consistent basis.
- He knew what he was doing- and acted ambiguously. This fits better with his methods and practice, which encourage people to make up their own minds and accept his understanding of the Messiah which did not fit well with many popular hopes.
- It is the last that is proposed. It suggests that Jesus knew of his Messianic role.

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012