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**2. The presence of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ changes my \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**1. The presence of Jesus PUSHES SIN from my life.**

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**2. The presence of Jesus RADICALLY changes my PERSPECTIVE.**

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## [CONNECT]

Have you ever been introduced to a crowd, or audience? (e.g. as a guest speaker; leading a team at work; part of a wedding party, etc.) How did it make you feel? (embarrassed; proud; insecure; adrenaline rush)

## [ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

## [GROW]

Read Matthew 21:1-11 and discuss some of the emotions everyone was feeling on this day.

Have you ever had a major expectation of Jesus changing something in your life, only to be disappointed that nothing happened? Share your experience.

The closer we get to Jesus, the more convicted we become of any sin, or wrongdoing, that exists in our lives. Have you ever experienced this in your life?

Read Matthew 11:12-13. The physical presence of Jesus came in and cleared the Temple because it was cluttered with ungodly activity. What does it look like for the spiritual presence of Jesus to come into our "temple" and do the same? (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20)

How has surrendering your life to Christ radically changed your life, and your perspective of life?

The BIG IDEA for this message is: *When Jesus comes close, he challenges the deepest parts of me.* What are those "deepest parts" that he challenges the most in you?

## [LEAD (YOURSELF)]

As we enter this Holy Week (Passion Week), how will you allow the presence of Jesus to challenge you? Will you allow His presence to drive out any sin you've been wrestling with? (Pride; anger; bitterness; resentment; lust; gossip... etc)

Will you allow His presence to cause you to slow down --- to pause your life --- to reflect on the power and impact of his death and resurrection, and what that means to you? Consider the last days, and hours of the Jesus' life on earth, and remember His sacrifice for you this week.

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- Journey With Jesus (both campuses)
- Easter Services