



Highcliffe and Bransgore **Methodist** Churches

My Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fifth and final week in our "Encounters with Jesus" series. We are using the account of the Royal Official, found in John 4: 46-54, who in a time of desperate need, runs to Jesus. His outcome is truly amazing and we celebrate with him in the physical restoration of his son's health as well as rejoicing in his and his whole family's salvation.

We are one week away from the triumphal entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem which we mark as "Palm Sunday". This week's video includes a craft lesson from Jenny on how to make your own palm cross which I hope you will wave next Sunday. The video has two worship songs provided for us by singers and musicians from around our circuit for which I encourage you to raise your voices and arms in praise to God. Nicola reads our Bible passage and I am privileged to be your preacher. Kathy has very kindly written the Bible study. At the end of the video is a short resume of the five weeks and I encourage you to continue to engage with these passages from John's gospel, watch again the preaching element of the videos and re-read the preaching notes.

Be blessed as we come into God's presence to worship Him. The life of the Royal Official and his family is about to be changed forever. He will look back on this day and mark it as the day that changed the course of his entire life. That is what happens when, with a deep longing in our hearts, we encounter Jesus and invite Him into our lives. It is not so much, "seeing is believing" but more like, "believing is truly seeing."

God bless,

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