

# Sermon Notes - March 29, 2026

## Lent Series: Wisdom in the Desert "The Lessons of the Desert"

Speaker: John Roberts  
Texts: Matthew 21:1-11; Zechariah 9:9; Hosea 2:14, 16-17

### Introduction

Hosea 1:2

Matthew 21:1-17...

**Jesus unveils himself fully as the Messiah, the one who comes to save.**

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew. 21: 2-3, 2 Kings 9:11 – 13, Psalm 118:25-26,  
Luke 19:37-40

The crowd who is shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" on Palm Sunday are shouting "Crucify Him" just a few short days later.

**Jesus unveils himself fully as Messiah and proceeds to clean house!**

Matthew 21:12-13

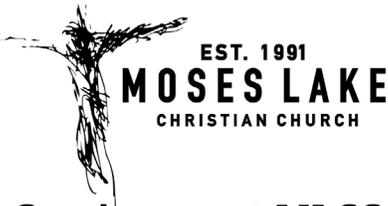
The Temple was to be a place of blessing.

Hosea 1 – 2

CS Lewis in the Screwtape Letters reminds us of the tricks of our enemy...  
How does the enemy keep us from following God?

**The invitation for us, routinely, but particularly in the season of Lent is to examine ourselves.**

Back to Hosea... "But I will win her back once again!"



### Coming up at MLCC:

**Seniors Ministry  
Game Day  
April 1st 1-3pm**

**Good Friday Service  
April 3rd 6pm**

**Easter Sunday Services  
9 & 11am**

**Young Adult  
Pickleball & Pizza  
April 11th 4pm**

### South Campus Athletic Center

**Men's Bible Study  
Tuesdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Bible Study  
Thursdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Fitness  
Mondays & Thursdays 10am**

**Youth Ministry  
Junior High Youth  
Wednesdays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)  
High School Youth  
Sundays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)**

