

LifeGroup Study SheetApril 13th, 2025 – Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Have you ever been up close to someone famous? What was your reaction? Did you say anything or do anything? Did you freeze? Did you get your phone out for a picture?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Matthew 21:1-4. This passage is describing the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. One of the first things we see is Jesus sending two disciples ahead to get a donkey for him to ride. In **verse 3**, he proclaims himself as "Lord." Why is this significant? What is the meaning of the title "Lord?" **Jesus is the Sovereign Lord!** If Jesus is Lord over all things, in what ways this week have you obeyed what he's asking you to do?

Question 2: Read Matthew 21:4-8. Jesus is then seen riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. A donkey was not what kings or people of high status would be riding! But Jesus is fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy found in **Zechariah 9:9**. We know that Jesus is Lord and King, but he came showing humility by riding on a donkey. **Jesus is the humble King!** The ultimate king of the universe thought it worthwhile to show His humility. How do you think about humbling yourself as a Christ-follower? What do you think the point of humility is?

Question 3: Matthew 21:9-11. The response of the crowds to Jesus was incredible. The crowds start yelling, "Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David!" This means that those people saw Jesus as Messiah! The word Hosanna means "O Save!" Being called "Son of David" is language from **2 Samuel 14:4** referring to the promised messianic deliver that God promised. If Jesus is the **Promised Messiah**, how do you recognize Jesus has saved you from your greatest adversary? What struggles do you have today that you could trust the Lord to save you from?

Application:

Who are you inviting to Easter Services? Who are you sharing this Good News with?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?