

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Arrival of King Jesus

Passages: Luke 19:28-44

Introduction: On this Palm Sunday, John preached from Luke's account of the Triumphal Entry. John talked about how Jesus is sovereign over everything going on throughout His life and ours and how Jesus must be central in the lives of His people if we are responding to Him appropriately. Finally, John noted the compassion Jesus has towards people.

Additional passages: Psalm 118:19-29, focus on 25-26; Luke 9:51, 12:50 and 18:32-32; John 12:12-19.

Questions:

1. John showed how Jesus' instructions to His disciples to bring a specific donkey to Him to ride reveals His sovereignty over every detail of what was happening with Him. He went to the cross on purpose, as spoken of in Luke 9:51, 12:50 and 18:32-32. What comfort does Jesus' authority over all offer you? What hope does this offer that your salvation is secure (assurance of salvation)?
2. Read John 12:12-19. The gospel author John includes the detail of the crowd calling out, Hosanna, which means save us. This draws on Psalm 118:25-26. What in Psalm 118:19-29 stands out that Jesus fulfills?
3. Reflecting on your own life, what has God saved you from through Jesus?
4. Consider this quote that John read, "High-wrought emotion is a poor substitute for steady conviction. But cool, unemotional recognition of Christ as King is unnatural. If hearts do not glow with loyal love, nor leap up to welcome Him; if the contemplation of His work ... does not make our dumb tongues sing – we have need to ask ourselves if we believe at all that He is King and Savior of all and of us." Alexander Maclaren, British Baptist pastor from the 1800s.
 - a. Does the expressiveness of your worship on Sundays reflect the magnitude of what Christ has done for you?
 - b. How about the rest of your life: has Jesus so captivated you that your life is shaped by worship of Him?
5. Luke 19:41-44 depicts Jesus as sorrowful over the sin of the people and city-wide rejection of Him that marked Jerusalem. This response shows that Jesus is not indifferent to the plight of the people, but cares for them immensely.
 - a. Do you believe Jesus is a merciful and compassionate Savior?
 - b. What impact does this have on your relationship with God?
 - c. How about your relationship with others?