

Your Response

We learn at least two things from these passages today.

1. Jesus is who He claimed to be. He is the Messiah, sent by God to die for us so that we might live with Him for eternity (John 3:16).
2. We know the people will eventually change their shouts, but for the time being, they recognized who Christ was and sang praise to His name. Praise is a gift to God. Praise is also public and verbal.

What is your response to Jesus? Do you believe He is your Savior? Have you made your decision public thru confession & baptism? If yes, GREAT! If no, why not now?

How can you and your family publicly and verbally praise God today? Who can you share God's goodness with today?

Who are you inviting to worship with you on Easter Sunday? Have you contacted them? Pray & reach out today.

Pray

- Thank God for sending His Son so that we might live
- Ask God to help you and your family recognize His goodness and for the courage to praise Him as you share His goodness to at least one person every day this week.

MESSAGE NOTES

Message: The triumphant entry!

Text: Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-17, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-40, & John 12:12-19

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Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

Pray

Holy Week is all about Jesus. Pray and ask God to reveal to show you Jesus like you've never seen Him before. As you read scripture ask the Lord to speak to you thru His Word.

Open

1. Growing up, what was Easter like in your home? What did you do or not do? What was Easter you your family growing up? What's it like now? Traditions you keep?

Read, Hear, & Live the Word

1. Read about Jesus coming to town as a King - Matthew 21:1-11. Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, and John 12:12-19.
 - What do you observe about Jesus? For example, what did Jesus do? What did He say? To whom was He speaking? Write down your observations.
- Read Revelation 19:11, in this verse, John is speaking of Jesus as the one called 'Faithful' and 'True'. What is Jesus riding on in this verse?

2. This is the beginning of the final act in the life of Christ on earth. He was entering Jerusalem to officially present Himself as their King. It is important to note something about the culture. It was customary that a king would enter the city on a white horse after a victorious battle during a time of peace, the king rode in on a donkey. (Judges 5:10; 1 Kings 1:33)
 - What message might Jesus have been trying to communicate by entering on a donkey and not on a white horse?
3. Go back to our key passages in Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John. Observe the people. What were they saying? What were they thinking about? What were they doing? How were they viewing Jesus? How did the people change?

The Triumphant Entry of Jesus is significant for 4 reasons:

1. This was the final and official presentation of Jesus to Israel as their Messiah.
2. Many people recognized this as seen in their shouts of praise.
3. By coming on a donkey, Jesus presented Himself as King
4. This presentation of Jesus was the exact fulfillment of prophecy; prophecy the Israelites would have been very familiar with. This should have confirmed without any doubt that Jesus was (and is) the Messiah.