

Growth Group Study Questions March 29h

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Read Matthew 21:1-11

2. The crowd welcomed Jesus as King with shouts of “Hosanna.” What do you think they expected Jesus to do for them? How do our expectations of Jesus sometimes look similar?

3. What causes such a dramatic shift in the crowd—and what does this reveal about how misguided expectations can shape our response to Jesus?

4. In verse 10, the whole city asks, “Who is this?” Why is this question so central to the passage—and how does the way we answer it shape what we expect from Jesus?

Read Colossians 1:21–22

Paul says we were once “alienated and hostile in mind.” How does this description deepen your understanding of our condition apart from Christ—and why is it important to see sin as more than just behavior?

Verse 22 says Christ reconciled us “in His body of flesh by His death... to present you holy and blameless.” What does this reveal about the purpose of the cross—and how does this challenge or expand the way you typically think about salvation?

Read 1 Peter 1:18-21

7. Peter says we were “ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers.” What might those “futile ways” look like today—and how do they connect to our tendency to chase fulfillment apart from God?

8. Peter emphasizes that this plan was set “before the foundation of the world” (v. 20). How does knowing that God planned redemption from the beginning shape your understanding of Palm Sunday and the road to the cross?

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