Ice Breaker Question:
Who is the most famous person you’ve ever seen in a parade or a motorcade? Did you cheer for that person?

Read and discuss this week’s Scripture [Matthew 21:1-11]:

1. Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, not a stallion. What does that say about what kind of king/leader Jesus is? Why would you follow a leader like that?
2. What kind of king and kingdom were the people expecting when Jesus entered Jerusalem? What kind of king, and kingdom do you want or expect?
3. If you were in the crowd on that Palm Sunday, would you have been cheering and waving palm branches or not? Do you tend to jump on the bandwagon, or hang back and see what all the fuss is about? What would you look for in Jesus if you were seeing him for the first time as he entered the city?
4. Jesus had already told his disciples he would go to Jerusalem and suffer and be killed, then resurrected (Matthew 16:21). He showed great courage in going to Jerusalem. Like Jesus, when have you been called to show courage and enter into a difficult situation to do something good? Are you being called now to show courage?
5. As we look toward Maundy Thursday (the last supper and Jesus’ arrest), Good Friday (the crucifixion), and Easter Sunday (the resurrection), which day or remembrance moves you the most? What helps you to believe in the story of this week - that Jesus died for forgiveness of sin and was raised from the dead?
6. The image of Jesus coming on a donkey while receiving praise and worship is a perfect illustration of Jesus’ humanity and divinity. Do you tend to focus on the divinity of Jesus or the humanity of Jesus? What could it look like if the two were more balanced?

Prayer Requests:
> Prayers of healing for Talbott Sumners, Ellie Jensen, and Hadley Lehr.
> Prayers of comfort for Don and Sue Armstrong in the death of Don’s sister, Susie Thacker, and Dustin and Rachel Milstead in the death of Dustin’s father.