Starting point:
If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

Overview
Pastor shared Ezekiel 11:22-23. Please re-read the verses.
- What is the significance of these two Old Testament verses?
- Discuss the significance of the timeline that Jesus followed during His last days on earth.
- What was the Jewish Holiday of Passover?
- Explain the significance to the Jewish Holiday of Passover and Jesus’ last days on earth?

The Promised King coming from THE MOUNT OF OLIVES
MARK 11:1-10
Look back at Ezekiel 11:22-23.
- What is the significance of these verses and Mark 11:1?
- How does Mark 11:2 fulfill prophecy from the Old Testament?
  (Refer to Zach 9:9 and Gen 49:8-11)
• In Jewish tradition, how did colts have a royal use?
• How did Jesus know the owner of the colt would be willing to have the two disciples take the colt?
• How did Jesus refer to Himself in 11:3?
• What is the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem like He did?
• How did the crowd react?
• What is the significance of the palm branches?
• What was the significance of the people putting down their cloaks?
• What does HOSANNA mean?
• What is the significance of “blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord?”
• With the background that the Jewish people had, what type of King were they looking for in Jesus?

The promised King will RETURN GOD’S GLORY

**MARK 11:11**
- Think back to *Ezekiel 11:22-23* and what happened.
- Now think about *Mark 11:1-11*. What has just happened?
  - Verse 11 says He went into the temple and looked at things and went back to Bethany as if nothing had taken place.
- What is the significance of this? (refer to *John 1:14* and *Heb 1:13*)

Read *John 2:18-22*.
- How do these verses relate to Jesus and his visit to the temple?

Application
- The people praised Jesus as the King and Savior, but later they killed Him. Is Jesus the kind of Kings they expected?
- Do we sometimes have expectations of God that He does not fulfill?
- How do we respond when God does not do what we expect?
- Can we glorify God even when our personal expectations are not met?