

"As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.."

Mark 11:1-11

The King Goes Public

1. Jesus _____ His entry.
2. In _____ of God's Word.
3. To _____ the worldly powers.

A Response Fit for A King?

1. He was _____ the _____ they were _____ for.
2. Jesus _____ be the King of our lives if we're setting the _____ of the _____.
3. Jesus doesn't want our _____. He wants our _____.

Memory Verse

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."
 Romans 12:1

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- ☐ Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- ☐ Memorize Romans 12:1
- ☐ Surrender the areas of my life where I have yet to allow Jesus to rule as King
- ☐ Commit to live for Jesus' Kingdom rather than my own
- ☐ Invite a friend or family member to join us next week for one of our Easter Worship services



A Response Fit for A King?

1. He was not the King they were looking for.
2. Jesus cannot be the King of our lives if we're setting the terms of the Kingdom.
3. Jesus doesn't want our enthusiasm. He wants our lives.

Memory Verse

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."
 Romans 12:1

The King Goes Public

1. Jesus orchestrated His entry.
2. In fulfillment of God's Word.
3. To provoke the worldly powers.

Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) - Mark 11:1-11

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Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, “Jesus’ Triumphal Entry,” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

How did you celebrate Easter growing up? Did you have any family traditions that are particularly memorable or meaningful?

What is your favorite Easter candy?

What is something you learned or you found challenging or encouraging this Life Group quarter?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Some have referred to the Kingdom of God as the Upside-Down Kingdom. Sinners are welcomed, greatness comes through service, life comes through death, and as we celebrated this weekend, the King of Kings showed up on a little donkey. One of the most straightforward depictions of the Upside-Down Kingdom in Jesus’ teaching is in the Beatitudes that begin the Sermon on the Mount. Read Matthew 5:1-12. . How does blessing from the world’s perspective contrast with the perspective Jesus shares?

Which Beatitude do you think is most countercultural when lived out?

Which of these is most uncomfortable for you and why?

Which of these promises means the most to you?

How can we come to see the world the way Jesus describes in this passage?

2. In this weekend’s message, I shared that the crowd’s shouting in Mark 11:9-10 draws on Psalm 118. Read this psalm together. What stands out to you?

How does this psalm point us to Jesus?

How would you explain God’s steadfast love to someone who wasn’t a believer?

The psalm was designed to be used on any occasion when the people came to give thanks for a deliverance. How might regularly singing and celebrating God’s deliverance shape our lives?

Twice, the psalmist says that God has become his salvation (118:14, 21). What do you think this mean?

For Practice

As this is the last Life Group meeting for the Winter quarter, take some time this week to think through what Spiritual practices have been particularly formative over the previous few months and which you would like to carry forward or initiate in the new year. This is also a great time to embrace the spiritual practice of celebration as you thank God for demonstrating himself faithful over the last several months or more.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for boldness for those in our church family extending invites to our Easter worship services. Pray also for receptive hearts in those who receive these invitations, that they would join us and respond positively to the message of the gospel.