

LIFEGROUP SERMON APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon: Matthew 21:1-11 | Jesus on Serving and Healing

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Opener: Other than Jesus, when you think about Kings, who comes to mind, either historically or fictionally and what do you know about them? Why do you think many people are so enamored by royalty?

1. Start by reading verses 1-11.

- a. Have someone else read verses 1-6 again.
- b. We titled this section “The preparation of the King--Make way for the King!” Why?
- c. Who are the “they” in verse 1? What groups and people are probably present here?
- d. Read Zechariah 9:9 and discuss the fulfilled prophecy.

2. Read verses 7-9

- a. For more details of this section, additionally read Mark 11:8-10 | Luke 19:35-38 | John 12:12-13
- b. Read Luke 19:41-42. Why did Jesus weep during such a magnificent scene?
- c. What is significant about the people shouting “Hosanna”? The word “Hosanna” means “God save us!”. Read Psalm 118:25.
So, as Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem, the crowds were perfectly right to shout “Hosanna!” They were acknowledging Jesus as their Messiah, as shown in their address “Son of David.” Theirs was a cry for salvation and a recognition that Jesus is able to save. Discuss this.

3. Read verses 10-11

- a. Also read Mark 11:11 | Luke 19:39-40 | John 12:16-19
- b. When the people were shouting “here comes the King” and “God save us”, what were they expecting to happen? (almost everyone was still anticipating Messiah overthrowing the Romans and establishing the Kingdom of Israel at this moment).
- c. Jesus did indeed come as a King who was about to conquer! What did Jesus conquer in the coming week? (His death, burial and resurrection would conquer sin, death and hell!)

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4. What is the main point of this text? (Jesus came as our humble King). Discuss this!

5. Discuss the three application points. The King brings freedom from:

- a. Freedom from living for self (humility)
- b. Freedom from legalism and self-righteousness
- c. Freedom from sin, death, and hell

Close your time in prayer together, taking time to follow the following format together:

- Praise God for His plan of saving grace. Praise Jesus for being our conquering King!
- Prayers of adoration/praise/thanksgiving (including the use of "Hosanna")
- Prayer for the needs of others
- Prayer for your own needs
- Pray for our neighbors and community to know Jesus and for many to hear the gospel at Easter
- Pray that, as a church family, we would walk humbly before God!