

Home Group Notes
Week of October 24, 2021
John 12:12-19



Is there time in your schedule when you could share life with friends? Home Groups are friends in community, sharing and learning, praying and caring. You can find out more on our website at www.trinityonline.org.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST HEAR?

When did you first hear about Jesus being a king or Messiah? What happened?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

This week's story was misunderstood by nearly everyone. It has been named as "Jesus triumphal entry" but could be named something very different. Let's look at one of days in Jesus' life that promised one thing but delivered something radically different.

Read the backdrop to this week story in John 12:1-11. What was the true meaning of Mary's extravagant act? (Notice especially verse seven)

Read our passage, John 12:12-19. What happens in this episode?

(Notes: (1) Palm branches became a symbol of Jewish nationalism, hopes of being freed of the oppression of the Romans. (2) Hosanna means, "Save us now.")

Who all is in the company of Jesus as He rides toward Jerusalem? What did they think was happening? Did any of them understand the true nature of His actions? (See also John 2:22)

In other places in history, a conquering king would enter a city on a war horse. How was Jesus' entry different? What might this mean? (See also Zechariah 9:9)

What was the fear of the Pharisees? Was this true? Did their efforts stop this from happening?

Jesus chose to ride into the city. How does this fit the identity of Jesus as presented in the book of John? How is this such a contrast to what we might think He would do? How does this fit with His mission and purpose?

Many lyrics in poems and songs ask a question about our personal reception of King Jesus. Do you believe Jesus is the king of your life? If He is king, then how are we to respond to Him?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What has impressed you about the character of Jesus in this episode?

In what ways do we sometimes wish for Jesus to be more like the king people were expecting instead of a humble Messiah?

Jesus was fulfilling many prophecies about the Messiah, but the people missed it. On Sunday, Todd said, "I want to consider the promises that Jesus is fulfilling that I tend to miss often." What are the promises or actions that Jesus is doing in our lives that are easy to miss or dismiss?

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for the McMillan family in Ecuador. Jeremy's father is very ill and may not live
- Pray for the people in our congregation who are suffering
- Pray for our Halloween Hoopla next Saturday
- Pray for our Middle School students and leaders