



Small Discipleship Groups Sermon Guide Questions 10 APRIL 2022



PALM SUNDAY

GETTING READY
FOR

Easter

Luke 19:28-44; Matthew 21:1-11

1. Look over verses 28-40. In what ways do these verses indicate a royal occasion? Why does the crowd cheer? What are their hopes for Jesus? How does this fulfill the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 referenced in the Palm Sunday account in the gospel of Matthew (21:4-5)?
2. Put yourself in the scene. What do you see, hear and feel? In contrast to the people around him, what might Jesus be feeling?
3. Read verses 39-40. Why are the Pharisees anxious? How might they feel about Jesus' response?
4. Read verses 41-44. What brings Jesus to tears as he views Jerusalem? What actual historical event does he foresee?

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Personal Application:

5. What kind of reception do you think Jesus would get if he rode into your hometown or city today?

6. From this high point, Jesus will walk us, his followers, steadily toward the cross. Consider the following quote from NT Wright and discuss your answer: "As we arrive at Jerusalem with Jesus, the question presses upon us. Are we going along for the trip in the hope that Jesus will fulfill some of our hopes and desires? Are we ready to sing a psalm of praise, but only as long as Jesus seems to be doing what we want? The long and dusty pilgrim way of our lives gives most of us plenty of time to sort out our motives for following Jesus in the first place. Are we ready not only to spread our cloaks on the road in front of him, to do the showy and flamboyant thing, but also now to follow him into trouble, controversy, trial, and death?"

7. Pray together following the Spirit's leading in the discussion.



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