



## INTRODUCTION

Jesus deliberately enters Jerusalem riding a donkey, publicly revealing Himself as the promised Messiah and King while the crowd welcomes Him with palm branches and cries of praise. From this we learn that Jesus is the humble, saving, and divine King who deserves our joyful worship and calls us to receive His salvation on His terms, not merely as freedom from earthly problems but as reconciliation with God and victory over sin.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 11.1-11**
- Why did he make a grand entrance?
- What is the significance of the colt (perhaps see **Zech 9:9**)? (For a lot of fun discuss **Gen 49:10-11**).
- What is the significance of the people's praise?
- What does it mean that the terms of peace are hidden from them?

## APPLICATION

- Do you need a king, someone to crown? Why or why not?
- How does His humility challenge our expectations of what power and greatness should look like?
- When was the last time you "shouted aloud" or "rejoice greatly" (**Zech 9:9**)? Why does the prophet command it? Is there a place for this during our church services? Discuss.
- What helps cultivate genuine joy and delight in Christ rather than merely going through the motions of worship?
- How do you mirror the humbleness/gentleness of Jesus? Where do you fail?
- Is there someone toward whom you are tempted to maintain enmity rather than seek peace?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?