

Palm Sunday
King of Kings
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Matthew 21: 1-11 NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, **“Hosanna to the Son of David!”** **“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”** **“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”** ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

1. The Signs Point to Jesus-Messiah (vs. 4-5)

Zechariah 9:9 See your king comes to you...riding on a colt

2. Hearts Believed (vs. 8-9)

John 4:42 ...we know this man really is the Savior of the world.

3. Christ is King Forevermore (v. 9)

Daniel 7: 13-14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples worshiped Him.

Conclusion: Let us see the signs, let our hearts believe and let us call on the name **Hosanna** and praise Him! Let us acknowledge Christ is King of all Kings forevermore! Open your hearts and honor Christ as your sovereign King today. *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of April 2 – April 8, 2023

Ice Breaker: Have you ever watched the coronation ceremony of a king or queen? What is it like? Describe the people’s reactions?

Read Matthew 21: 1-11

1. What is happening in this scene?
 2. What specific instruction does Jesus give his disciples? (v. 2-3)
 3. Why? What was the prophecy spoken by Zechariah? (5)
 4. What is the typical way a king would enter to be presented before his people?
 5. Why would God choose to have Jesus ride a donkey? What does it represent? How is it different from a fancy chariot or powerful horse?
 6. What did the crowds do as Jesus passed by? (v. 8) Why would they do this?
 7. What did the crowds shout as He passed by? (v.9) What does this mean? What were they professing?
 8. In that moment they believed Jesus was their king sent to save them. What did they want to be saved from?
 9. Read Luke 19: 41-44. In this moment of rejoicing, why would Jesus weep? What did He see?
 10. They saw the signs, they honored Him as king. What changed just 5 short days later?
 11. Can you relate to feelings of elation, adoration, and great hope, to suddenly change to confusion, despair, or even anger towards God?
 12. Where was their hope wrongly put? What must we remember as we hope in Christ? What must we always acknowledge?
 13. Read Daniel 7: 13-14. Did their abandonment and disillusionment change the fact that Christ was and is Israel’s King forevermore? What about for us now in these times? Is He still King? *To you?*
- Point to ponder:** Christ is King across every span of time, in all trials and suffering. He reigns on high. Let our hearts praise Him and shout out “Hosanna in the highest!” Let us honor our King who comes in peace.