

Palm Sunday

Set the scene:

1. Passover season in Jerusalem
2. A Lot of people in Jerusalem
3. Jesus' fame and following is growing!

Triumphal Entry:

*Matthew 21:1–7

1. No small crowd
2. God ordained moment in history
3. Donkey vs. Horse
4. Hosanna

Final Lessons we learn:

1. Lip service vs. heart change
2. Christ is faithful to the end

Application:

*Share the gospel

Questions for individual study and/or group discussion:

- What are your favorite holidays? Why?
- Read Exodus 12:1–14. Why does God command the Israelite's to remember the Passover? What in this passage strikes you? Why? What can you learn from this passage?
- Read John 11:45–55: What observations do you make from this passage? There was a sense of anticipation around Jesus and the Passover. Why?
- Put yourself in Jesus' shoes...knowing that these are the last few days before the cross and then read Matthew 21:1–7. With that perspective, what sticks out to you? What can you take away from this passage from this perspective?
- We see the people lay down their coats and palms, and shout Hosanna, but they just had lip service and not real heart change.... yet Jesus in his great love, still went to the cross. **Self-Reflection Question:** Are you committed to Jesus whatever your personal circumstances? The answer you give will determine the quality of your entire spiritual life.
- Read Romans 5:6–10 (New Living Translation) - what is so amazing about grace?
- If you've never responded to the gospel, would you do so right now? Pray something like this: Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer.
- Believer: Who can you share the gospel with this week?