

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What was your experience with Easter as a child?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What does Palm Sunday mean to you?
 - a. What did you grow up thinking Palm Sunday was about?
3. Please read John 12:12-19. What are your initial thoughts?
4. Pastor Ruben said there were two processions happening on the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On the east side, Jesus rode in on a donkey. On the west side, Pontus Pilate rode in on a horse. How were these different from each other?
 - a. What are your thoughts about this quote? "The juxtaposition of these two processions embodies the central conflict of Jesus's last week: the kingdom of God or the kingdom of imperial domination. What we call Palm Sunday featured a choice of two kingdoms, two visions of life on earth." (Marcus J. Borg)
5. What Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled about Jesus riding a donkey? Find it and read it.
6. What psalm was quoted as they waved palm branches?
7. Everyone who gathered around Jesus had an agenda. Can you describe the agenda's of those people that cheered Jesus on as He entered Jerusalem?
 - a. Are we that different?
 - b. What kind of agenda do we come to God with?
8. What does Ephesians 4:31-32 mean to you?
9. According to John 1:29, and 1 Corinthians 5:7, who was Jesus?
10. According to 1 Peter 1:18-19 and Hebrews 9:13-14, what kind of sacrifice was Jesus?

11. According to Colossians 3:12-14, John 13:34, and 1 John 4:7-11, what should our love and grace look like? Describe it.

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- We have a choice of two kingdoms today...The world or The Kingdom of God
- Sometimes we want God to bless OUR AGENDA...We convince ourselves that God is for our agenda.
- If you want to know the agenda of God, you have to die to yourself.
- You don't have to worry about world events, because the One who holds everything is in control.
- You don't get to decide what the standard of real love looks like.
 - If it was up to us...it would be conditional love.
 - I'll love you if you don't cross me.
 - I'll love you if you think like me.
 - I'll love you if you don't offend me.
 - I'll love you if you don't hurt me.
- Jesus was the Passover Lamb for all humanity!