

Message Study Guide

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

Warming up

1. Has this pandemic affected your relationship with God? If so, explain.
2. What's your favorite sports team? A fan has been described as "An enthusiastic admirer."

What are you a fan of?

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.

3. Palm Sunday is a gathering of Jesus fans! What types of people were in the crowd?
4. What was the religious holiday behind Palm Sunday?
 - Where is it found in the Book of Exodus? Read it with others.
 - What was the coincidence of this famous Jewish holiday and Jesus riding into Jerusalem?
5. Read the story of Palm Sunday in Matthew 21:1-11.
 - Find and read the other stories of Palm Sunday in the other gospels.
 - What are your initial observations?
6. In 480 BC, Zechariah prophesied about Palm Sunday.
 - Where can it be found? Please read it.
 - What were the circumstances for Israel when this prophecy was said?
 - What does this prophecy say about who Jesus is?
7. Timothy Keller said, "Palm Sunday is an incredible parable of the life long mismatch of what we think we need and what God has provided." How is this quote true?
8. One of the groups Jesus talked about were the Pharisees.
 - What does Matthew 15:8 say about their hearts?
 - According to Acts 4:11-12, who is Jesus?
 - According to John 6:26, what did some people want from Jesus?

9. According to John 12:9-11, who was changed by Jesus? How did the crowd respond?
10. Are you a follower or a fan?
 - What's the difference?
 - Compare with Luke 9:23.

Application

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

- If Jesus knew there was a donkey ahead of Him, He knows what's ahead of you. God knows your future!
- For the chief priests, Jesus was a threat.
- For the Greeks, Jesus was another option.
- For some people, Jesus was about another miracle.
- For a guy named Lazarus...He was life. Lazarus saw Jesus as the GIVER OF LIFE.