

Message Study Guide

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

Warming up

1. How do you define worship?

2. How can you honor Jesus as King this week?

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. Approximately 500 years before Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the prophet Zechariah said something. Please read Zech 9:9.
 - a. What's the longest unanswered prayer in your life?

 - b. Do you believe God will answer it the way you think He should?

4. According to Luke 13:22, what was Jesus' focus?

5. According to Luke 19:10, what was His purpose?

What are you focused on in your life?

6. What did Jesus do during the week before His resurrection?

It's also known as, "Passion Week". Palm Sunday was the beginning of the end of Jesus' time on earth.

7. According to John 11:55-57, what was the popular Jewish festival?
 - a. What's the purpose of this popular festival?

 - b. It was estimated Jerusalem had 2.7 million people during this time. Compare with Is 53:7; Jn 1:29; and Rev 5:12.

8. There was another event leading up to Palm Sunday.
 - a. According to John 12:1-2; 9-11, what was it?

- b. Pastor Ruben said, ‘God wants to bring you to life so that those around you would know God can do anything.’ Are you living a Lazarus life?

9. The story of the triumphal entry is one of the few incidents in the life of Jesus which appears in all four (4) Gospel accounts (Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-40; John 12:12-19). Please read Matthew 21:1-17. What do you see in this passage?

10. When the people met Jesus waving palm branches, it was like us waving our U.S. Flag in a way. It was a symbol of liberty and victory. They thought Jesus was going to overthrow the Roman Empire and deliver them. They thought this was a victory for one nation. He was a great teacher, He performed incredible miracles, it made sense that Jesus would deliver the Israelites from Roman oppression. Have you ever missed a God-moment?

11. Within just a few days, their “hosannas” would change to cries of “Crucify Him!” (Luke 23:20-21). Those who hailed Him as a hero would soon reject and abandon Him.
 - a. What lesson can we take from these fickle people?

 - b. What are the dangers of pleasing people?

 - c. Do you care more about pleasing God or pleasing people?

Application

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

- God wants you to live a Lazarus life. A life that is marked by God’s grace, love, and power.

- According to the prophet Zechariah, Jesus will return not only in the same way, but to the same place. In a prophecy related to the end times, Zechariah declares, “On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south” (Zechariah 14:4). The very location where David wept in defeat and where Jesus was betrayed and rejected will be the place where Jesus returns in triumph over all His enemies.