



Palm Sunday: Palms and Praise

April 1 & 2, 2023

Zechariah 9:9-13; 16-17; John 12:12-19

Opener: What do you like best about parades: Bands? Famous personalities? Celebrating the occasion? Vendors? Clowns?

Go Deeper:

Zechariah 9:9-13; 16-17

1. What qualities will Zion's King possess?
2. Describe the scene at the coming of the King. How will the people respond?
3. Why the donkey (v. 9; see Matthew 21:5 for Jesus use of it), instead of the war-horse (v. 10)?
4. On what basis will restoration be given to prisoners or exiles?

John 12:12-19

5. Using your imagination, what might the crowds, the disciples, and Jewish leaders be feeling as the scene unfolds before them?
 6. Compare those feelings to one week later, Easter morning.
 7. If you had been present for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, what might you have felt: fanaticism, fickleness, faith, or fear? Why?
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8. All four Gospels record the procession into Jerusalem. Compare and contrast them with John's version: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 20:29-40.

9. Kingship is an important theme in John (see 1:49; 6:14-15), and the nature of power is redefined by Jesus, how?

*Some questions adapted from *Serendipity Study Bible for Groups*



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday: Zechariah 9:9-13

Tuesday: Zechariah 9:16-17

Wednesday: Zephaniah 3:14-15

Thursday: John 1:49; 6:14-15

Friday: John 18:28-19:22

Saturday: John 2:22

Sunday: John 11:47-53

