

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Have you ever been part of a crowd responding emotionally to something? If so, what was that experience like for you?

LEARN & APPLY

In entering Jerusalem, Jesus set into motion the events that would lead to his crucifixion and gave us hints about what kind of King he is.

The Colt: Read Luke 19:28-35.

- Read Zechariah 9:9-12. What do you think Jesus was conveying about the kind of King he is by choosing a colt of a donkey to ride into the city?

The Cloaks and the Stones: Read Luke 19:36-40.

- Why might you lay your jacket over the snow for someone else to walk on it?
- If the things the crowd said weren't true, it would be blasphemy. What did Jesus' reply reveal?
- Stone markers were used to remind God's people where God acted in the past: Jacob at Bethel (Genesis 28:18-19), and Joshua by the Jordan (Joshua 4:4-7). These stones also mark a moment. How would you describe it?

The City of Peace, and the Temple: Read Luke 19:41-4

- The way to real peace wouldn't be found in military victory. Those who looked there would only find tragedy. People seemed to be looking everywhere but to God - even in the temple.
- In what ways do we fall into the same traps as this Palm Sunday crowd? What keeps us from seeing Jesus as the King he truly is?

PRAY

List the qualities of a good King. If you see them in Jesus, thank him for those things. Each person, including kids in your group, can say aloud "Thank you Jesus for being..." Someone can close with "Help us to not treat you as a power to serve our desires but as the Lord who is worthy of our worship."