

Followers of Jesus

Getting Your House in Order

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of January 27, 30-31, 2016

Main Point: Are we worshiping Jesus for who He really is, or who we want Him to be?

Luke 19:28-40

CONNECT

If you heard they were going to be filming scenes for the new Star Wars movie in Savannah, would you try to go down and see them? Why or why not?

What would you do if Bill Gates or President Obama knocked on your door and explained their car had broken down and they need to borrow yours?

What experiences, images, and ideas come to mind when you think of Jesus? How would you describe His character to someone who had never heard of Him?

LEARN

Have a volunteer read Luke 19:28-34.

How do you think these unnamed disciples felt about Jesus' instructions? Why?

How do you think you would respond if Jesus asked you to basically go "borrow" a car for him to ride?

What might the fact that the colt had not yet been ridden imply? Read Zechariah 9:9 to help explore this question.

Have volunteer Read Luke 19:35-40 and Matthew 21:6-9.

Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey for His triumphal entry to Jerusalem?

Why do you think the people spread palm branches on the road?

What does the phrase "Hosanna" mean? What did it communicate about the crowd's expectations of Jesus?

Take some time and write down a description of what it means to be a king. How is what you wrote down similar to your description of Jesus? How is it different?

What were the people expecting Jesus to do when He reached Jerusalem (Luke 19:11 and Zech. 9:9)?

What are some expectations you had about God that were different from the way He has revealed Himself to you?

Read Luke 19 verses 37-38 again.

Why would the people hailing Jesus as their king have upset the Pharisees (v. 39)?

What does Jesus' reply to the Pharisees reveal about Him?

What might the stones cry out?

If you had been a Jew living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, what would have made you reject and oppose Jesus?

SERVE

What expectations are you placing on Christ today?

Do we tend to think of Him as a power to serve our desires or do we see Him as the Lord who is worthy of our worship?

What does praise look like in your day-to-day life?

In what ways might you be rejecting Jesus, even unintentionally?

PRAYER

Close your time in prayer. Praise God for sending Christ to be the king we needed, not the king we wanted. Ask God to help your group worship Him with their whole lives.



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