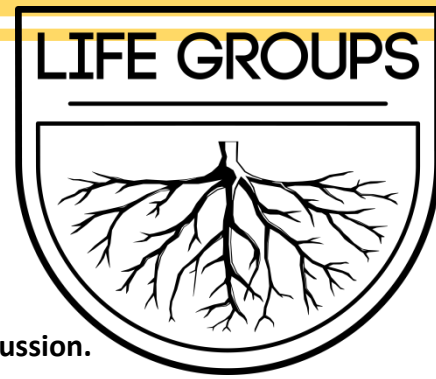


## Palm Sunday / The King is Coming! / John 12:12-19



### INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

**ICE BREAKER QUESTION:** When was a time you had high expectations for an event that turned out to be different than you expected?

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, He received a great reception, but the people misunderstood the purpose of His coming. In a few short days, many of those who cheered Him into the city would also jeer Him out toward the cross. It is important that we accept Jesus as He truly is and not only as we wish Him to be. The truth about Jesus is that He is glorified through what He suffered.

Read back through the passage before going through the questions.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your biggest takeaway? How was your experience with the Life Tool's this past week?
2. What are some expectations you or others might have about Jesus? How do you respond when you realize that Jesus is not always as you expect Him to be?
3. Unlike the people of Jerusalem who missed their chance to believe in Jesus, we still have the opportunity to do so. Have you fully surrendered your life to Him?
4. READ [LUKE 19:36-40](#). What did the people indicate about their own view of and response to Jesus by laying down their coats and waving palms or branches along His path? What does the crowd affirm about Jesus in verse 38?

5. What can we do in our own lives to “prepare the way for the Lord” ([Is. 40:3](#))?
  
6. READ [JOHN 12:12-16](#). What do you think the crowds were expecting when they welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with such fanfare? How did they misunderstand what God had planned for Jesus?
  
7. READ [JOHN 12:27-36](#). Do you find it odd that Jesus, of all people, was troubled? Why should one who could heal the sick or raise the dead in any way be troubled?
  
8. How can the authority of Jesus as seen in [John 12](#) encourage you to boldly share the gospel and the warnings that come along with it?

## **Conclusion**

The crowd on the first Palm Sunday sought a Jesus who would conquer Rome. Today, we may not be looking for such a Jesus, but we are all tempted to follow the Jesus of our own imaginings and not the Jesus revealed in Scripture. Let us seek to follow Jesus as He reveals Himself in the Bible. We can do that through prayer, through studying the Scriptures diligently, and by attending to the preaching of God’s Word in a sound local church.

## **PRAYER**

Lead your group in prayer thanking Jesus for His willingness to tell you the truth. Ask for the strength and courage to daily respond to His voice, even when that response requires you to be uncomfortably honest and forthright with those around you.



## **FURTHER STUDY**

**Devotionals-**

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/greeting-the-king>

**Article –**

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/sovereign-restoration>