



Ask, What are some of your favorite memories of Palm Sunday/Holy Week?

Take time to read the passage or have it read -

***<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."***

Here are Michael's points from the sermon -

**Jesus commands His disciples (Hello Donkey) v. 28-34**

In Zechariah 9:9 – there is a clear prophecy of the King coming into Jerusalem coming to pass - *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

This is a sign of royalty – the animal had not been used for any other purpose. (Background 1 Kings 1 – Solomon is placed on David's young colt.)

**Triumphal entry – (Peace in Heaven) v. 35-38**

We are familiar with peace on earth. The other gospels mention the word, Hosanna! Luke does not use this word because he is addressing gentiles. This is a special honor addressed to The One Who Saves! A Jewish audience would understand about a coming messiah.

*Read Psalm 118:26 - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

The gathering crowd included –

1. Some knew that this could be the Messiah;
2. Some had no clue, and;

3. Others who might just want to play along in case the crowd knows what is really going on. These folks just don't want to miss out in case this is a big deal.

Jesus had said this earlier in ministry and now there is some clarity for His followers - Luke 12:51 - *Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.*

**Ask, Why do you think Jesus is more interested in peace in heaven rather than He is in peace on the earth?** Especially right now, in our current COVID-19 season, we long for some "peace on earth" but quite possibly, God is reminding us that we are actually made for eternity.

### **The Pharisees' correction (Crying Stones) v. 39-40**

Rebuke your disciples Jesus! Ever try to tell God what He really means or should be doing? Jesus ends up correcting the Pharisees (as He is prone to do in our lives as well)

The triumphal entry **WAS NOT** to:

- Meet our expectations
- Finish what we started
- Conquer governments

The triumphal entry **WAS** to:

- Meet God's expectations
- Finish what Jesus started
- Conquer sin and death

When Jesus enters your life -

- You obey His commands – even if it does not make total sense to you.
- You lay something down – whatever it is that might keep you from obeying His commands. **Ask, What might God be showing you that you need to lay down?**
- You tell the world Who He is. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes. To proclaim what He has come to do. **Ask, Who do you know that needs to hear this week that Jesus is Who He says He is?**

*Revelation 12:7-12 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,<sup>8</sup> but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.<sup>11</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"*

Sin and death have been conquered. That is peace in heaven which is so much greater than peace on earth.

Take time to connect with your group members outside of the group time if possible.