



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: The Humble King - John 12:9-26

## GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Share about a time you were praying for/hoping for God to act in a certain way, and then He did something different than what you were expecting? How did this different outcome change your view of God?

## QUICK REACTIONS

- How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
- What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?
- Did you disagree with something said, or what do you think should have been added or expanded on?

## QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

1. This section of Scripture details what we know as the Triumphal Entry of Jesus. Why do we call it the triumphal entry?
2. Jesus rides into town on a donkey forcing people to make a decision about Him. What are the two options Jesus gives them? (*Crown me as King or kill me*)
3. Steve mentioned that what we think we need is almost always shallow compared to what we truly need. Share an example of this in your own life.
4. Read John 12:25. What does it mean that “those who care nothing for this life will keep it for eternity?” Is Jesus saying we should hate this life?

## EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [John 12:9-26]

Why was there a crowd in Jerusalem? (vs 9, 12)

What is the significance of the people waiving the palm branches? (vs 13)

What does the word “Hosanna” mean? What is the significance of this word in the context?  
(vs 13, Psalm 118:25-26)

What was the expectation that the crowd had of Jesus as He rides into Jerusalem? (vs 17-18)

What is the fear the Pharisees have regarding Jesus? (vs 19)

Read Mark 11:2. What is the significance of the young donkey in the story? (vs. 2)

## QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

Verse 16 tells us the disciples didn't understand the significance of the triumphal entry and the fulfilled prophecy until after the fact. Share about a time in your life you weren't able to see the significance of what God was doing until after the fact.

In the triumphal entry, we see that Jesus came into town not to take power by killing, but to lose power and dying. How does Jesus example challenge us in how we live or lives? (vs. 24-26)

Steve mentioned the phrase "God will always give us what we need, and not necessarily what we want" in reference to the crowds desire for Jesus to save them from Roman oppression. In what ways have you experienced this in your life?

John points out in vs. 17-19 that Jesus is the King of the world, and not just King of the Jews. The barriers that divide us whether they are race, gender, culture, or creed then become insignificant when we worship at Jesus feet. How have you seen and experienced this in your own life?

## APPLICATION

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about, as a result of engaging with this passage?

How can we pray for each other?