



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

THIS WEEK: An Unlikely King - Matthew 21:1 – 11, Zechariah 9:9 - 10

GETTING STARTED

- What is the closest you've ever been to a celebrity? What did you do or say? Was it a good experience or a bad experience?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (Matthew 21:1-11)

- Steve mentioned that Jesus was an unlikely king. In what ways was He an unlikely king? Specifically in regards to what He came to do? (Luke 19:10)
- Why is there such a large crowd in Jerusalem when Jesus entered? (John 12:12-13)
- Why did Jesus need the donkey? How did he fulfill prophecy? (Zec 9:9-10) What does this teach us about his Messianic mission? (vs. 2-5)
- When the crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" what were they acknowledging about Christ? (vs. 9)
- Why do you think Jesus allowed this kind of worship and public announcing of Himself as the Messiah to happen when he had stopped it so many times before? (Matt. 9:27-31; John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1)
- The laying down of a cloak was a sign of submission. The palm branch was a symbol of nationalism. What are some dangers to putting a political twist on your faith?
- Read Zechariah 9:9-10. What characteristics are we given of this king over whom the people should rejoice? How will this king come to the people according to v. 9? What does God promise he will do in v. 10?

APPLICATION

- Jesus didn't meet the expectations of many of those in Jerusalem when He road into town. Have you ever been disappointed when God didn't meet your expectations?
- What are you currently expecting from God?
- A king is someone who has authority to rule and reign over a group of people. If Jesus is the King over your life, where do you see His increasing rule? Or, how could you see His increasing rule in your life?
- Take time to pray for one another.