

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Palm Sunday

Study Questions for personal reflection or group discussion: Mark chapters 11 to 16.

1. On Palm Sunday we celebrate the ‘triumph’ of Jesus entrance into Jerusalem (Mark ch 11). On Easter Sunday, a week later we celebrate of the Resurrection of Jesus (Mk ch 16). Ask the members of your group to list some of the suffering, persecution, misunderstandings, and dark moments, Jesus experienced in between these times.
2. Our own Christian lives involve a dying to self and a living for God. Give examples of how our lives can sometimes reflect a similar journey to Jesus?
3. Easter is a time when we have the opportunity to share our own faith. If someone asked you, “Who is Jesus”? How would you respond to them in just two minutes?
4. What does it mean to “deny yourself and take up your Cross and follow Jesus?” Luke 9:2. What areas do you feel reluctant about in this regard?

5. Thousands of Jews had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. They'd heard about the miracles Jesus was doing and believed he was the promised Messiah. They thought He would help them get rid of the Romans and become their new King. But things didn't happen the way at they expected. Share a time when your expectation of a certain event was completely different from what actually happened. Did it end up better or worse?
6. Hundreds of years earlier King David's son Solomon rode through the city on David's personal donkey (1 Kings 1). This was a sign that Solomon was David's choice as successor. It was also a prophecy of what Jesus would do. Name some other prophecies that were filled in the life of Jesus. (Isaiah 53:3-9)
7. Caiaphas held the position, of High Priest but he was really a fake, as he had no connection or relationship with God. It is easy to be religious and have our own beliefs. How can we discern if someone is authentic?
8. To a believer the events of Easter seem real and true. To non-believers they can seem like a fairy story. Have you had a revelation of/from God where things that were murky suddenly became clear? Share your testimony with the group.
9. Pray for Easterfest and Easter camps this Easter that the Lord will remove the veil from people's eyes so that they will see Jesus for who He really is.