

# Home Group Questions

the week of 03/25/2018

Luke 19:28-40

## PALM SUNDAY

### GETTING STARTED...

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Passion Week leading up to the cross and resurrection. At other times in Jesus' ministry, He had indicated to His disciples that His time had not yet come...but now the time for the awesome display of God's love had arrived.

### LOOKING IN THE WORD...

**1. READ Luke 19:28-40.** Pastor Mel shared how Jesus was still in control during the Passion Week, as evidenced by His knowledge of the details of a colt (where it would be, how they would find it, what the owner would say, the fact that it had never been ridden, and that the answer the disciples would give would satisfy the owner). Discuss this passage and what jumps out at you!

**2. Read Luke 19:41-44.** Even as the praise was being given on Palm Sunday, Jesus predicted what the final response would be on Good Friday.

The Jews seemed to be expecting Jesus to lead a revolt against the Romans and free them from their tyranny. Obviously, Jesus was there to free them from their sin by dying on the cross.

- What are ways in which we can avoid spiritually "slipping" because of expectations we have that aren't fulfilled the way we want them to be?

- Share any disappointments you may have experienced in the past and how you were able, with God's help, to work through them.

**3. Read Matthew 6:25-34.** What does this passage tell us about God's involvement in our lives and the attitudes we ought to display when we enter into difficult times (as Jesus would during the Passion Week)?

**4. The disciples obeyed the Lord** and found things just as He said. Why was it important for Jesus to involve the disciples in the events of the Passion Week? Why didn't Jesus just cause a colt to walk up to them, instead of choosing to have the disciples go get the colt?

What would the disciples have missed if they had decided not to get the colt? What do believers today miss when they choose not to follow the Lord's will? The fact that Jesus loves to involve us in His work has wonderful results in our lives....

- The Triumphal Entry highlights the knowledge Jesus had of the "details" of the donkey and its' past. Share examples from your own life of when you were able to see the fingerprints of God in the ways in which He was working in your life, ways that reinforced your belief that God knows the details of your life.

**5. Talk about the three responses to Jesus during and after that first Palm Sunday.** How can we avoid the negative responses of the first two groups below when it comes to our walk with Christ and faith in Him?

**Self-centered approach to Christ - "What's in It For Me" (The Crowd)**

**Defiant approach to Christ - "You're challenging our authority" (The Pharisees)**

**Repentant approach of a true disciple - "You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life and I will follow You!"**

### MOVING FORWARD:

Pray for this Easter season as we celebrate our risen Savior!