

Home Group Questions

the week of 04/14/2019

Luke 19:28-40

PALM SUNDAY- ROAD TO THE CROSS

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!

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)?

- 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.

2. 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....

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. This passage highlights some of the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives believers, and then immediately speaks about the results of believers faithfully using their gifts.

- Discuss from this passage some of the benefits of believers becoming involved in the work of the Lord.

3. The Jews in Jerusalem worshiped Jesus by throwing their palm branches and cloaks before Him. Jesus knew that the attitudes of at least some of the crowd would change dramatically between Sunday and Good Friday.

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.

MOVING FORWARD:

Pray for one another as you share various challenges that may be facing you. Keep moving forward in faith.