



A King Like No Other **Matthew 21:1-11**

These questions are provided to lead the group in applying the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.

(Read verses 1–3)

1. Jesus sends two disciples on a very specific errand. Why did he send his disciples ahead of him, instead of going himself?

(Read verses 4–7)

2. Matthew points back to Zechariah 9:9. Why was it so important for the audience that Matthew was originally writing to, to see Jesus as the fulfillment of specific Hebrew prophecies?
3. Verse 5 describes Jesus as "gentle" (or "meek"). How does gentleness differ from "weakness"? In what ways have you seen a gentle attitude make a difference in your workplace, or home?

(Read verses 8–9)

4. How does God's definition of "salvation" veer from what the people in Jerusalem were likely looking for? Share a time when God showed up for you in an unexpected way, that turned out to be better than what you were hoping for.

(Read verses 10–11)

5. When Jesus entered, the text says the "whole city was stirred". Share a memorable time when you've seen God work in a powerful way that caused a "stirring", individually, or on a larger scale. How did this expand or challenge your view of God?
6. Palm Sunday is often called the "Triumphal Entry," but Jesus is heading toward the cross. How do you reconcile triumph that's celebrated on this day, with sacrifice that would soon be made?
7. We know the crowd's "Hosannas" turned to "Crucify Him" by Friday. Why was there such an attitude change?
8. How can seeing Jesus as a gentle king affect the way you approach Him?
9. How does Matthew 21:1-11 change the way you view "success" or "greatness"?
10. Jesus resisted the temptation to follow the expectations of the crowd. Instead, he submitted himself to God's mission. Share a time when you've had to do the same. How did following God's mission over others' expectations for you pay off? If God is challenging you to do something at this time, share with the group so they can pray for you.
11. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church, Community, and Culture tables.