

READ: Matthew 21:1-11;12-13, John 12:23-24,27, Luke 19:41-42, Zechariah 9:9, Romans 5:8

OPEN:

- Share briefly with the group something you experienced this week that encouraged you.
- Have you ever witnessed something happening but not realized the significance of that event?
- What does Palm Sunday mean to you? What did you experience in your upbringing in the Church?

BIG IDEA: *(This is where we are going over the next three weeks in our sermon series leading up to Easter.)*

On Jesus' path to the Cross, we honor and remember His demonstration as:

- 1) Servant – Jesus' Washes the Disciples Feet
- 2) Suffering – Jesus at Gethsemane
- 3) **Sovereign – Jesus the Sovereign King (Palm Sunday)**

READ: Mathew 21:1-11, The Triumphal Entry

DIG:

- In verses 1-2, Jesus knew that the Triumphal Entry would begin the march toward the Cross. Why do you think Jesus stayed true to His Heavenly Father's will and purpose?
- Describe how the Triumphal Entry can seem counterintuitive. Why did Jesus choose to reveal Himself in this humble manner?
- In verse 3, what is the significance of Jesus riding on a donkey? Why this animal? Why not a war horse or chariot? (Teacher's Note: Jesus did this to fulfill Zechariah 9:9)
- In verses 6-10, the crowds gathered to witness Jesus entering into the city of Jerusalem. They spread their cloaks on the ground, as well as palm branches, and shouted, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" The word "Hosanna" means, "Save us now." Why do you think the crowds shouted and desired to be saved? Saved from what? (Teacher's Note: To be saved from Rome, saved from oppression, etc.)
- The clothes and palm branches laid on the road were a form of homage or respect to Jesus. Why is it important to pay homage to the King in this manner?
- On Sunday the crowds shout "Hosanna!" and on Friday of that same week will yell, "Crucify Him!" Why do you think their cries changed? Why are people so fickle and can miss the significant impact of Jesus in our midst?

REFLECT & PRAY:

- Paul writes Romans 5:8, "*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*" God didn't just talk about it, but He demonstrated His love to the world. This kind of passion demands a passionate response. In what ways can you respond to the great love of God?
- Is it possible for believers of Jesus to miss that He is the sovereign King of our lives? What causes people to miss seeing and living like Jesus is the sovereign King of our lives?
- How will your life be different when Jesus sits on the throne of your life?

VISION OPPORTUNITIES

GOOD FRIDAY March 29, 5 & 7 pm, Doors open at 4pm and close at 9pm

All campuses will gather at the NB campus

- o We will take a look at the significance of the Passover and how it points us to Jesus
- o Rabbi Ned Puro from Shoreside David Messianic Congregation will explain the Seder/Passover meal
- o Before and after our Good Friday remembrance, there will be a visual display: The Passover

EASTER Sunday, March 31, 10AM

Setting in Pastor Ben as BH Campus Pastor; Ordination of Doug Sheerer as Elder April 2

BC Students' Hot Topic Night, March 27, 6:30pm at MV