

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

PALM SUNDAY

(Sunday, April 5)

1. What is Palm Sunday? Describe your own expectations and feelings about Palm Sunday.
2. Jesus sends two disciples to get a donkey in order to fulfill what is written in Zechariah 9:9. What would the image of a "King...mounted on a donkey," instead of mounted on a horse, have conjured up in the eyes of those who saw Jesus? What is conjured up in your mind?
3. From what they said and sang, who did the crowds think that Jesus was (vv. 7-11)? What is the significance of Jesus being called "the Son of David?" Who do you say Jesus is?
4. Luke gives us additional details about Jesus' triumphal entry. Luke tells us that Jesus stopped and wept over Jerusalem when He saw it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace!" (Luke 19:41-42).

What are the "things that make for peace?"
5. What "things" do you/we need to make for peace?
6. In what ways did the money changers make the Temple a den of thieves? What were they stealing? From whom were they stealing?

7. As we enter Holy Week, reflect on the importance of Palm Sunday. Why does it matter that Christ is King and should be adored as King?

8. In what ways do you need to respond to His kingship in your life as you experience a world turned upside down because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

9. What will you lay before Him or what you will bring to Him (v8)?

10. What will you still shout "Hosanna" for or praise Him for even in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis (v9)?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Meditate on Matthew 21:9

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

PRAYER EXERCISE

*God of healing,
Cast the light of health and well-being
On those who've been exposed to coronavirus,
Those who have contracted the disease,
And those — God forbid — who contract the disease in the future.
Bless them, protect them and bring them speedily to full recovery.
Bless all who are ill
With healing of body,
Healing of soul
And healing of spirit.*