

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Entering the City: Triumph & Tears March 10, 2024

#### Summary

Pastor Kyle explores the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, as described in Mark 11:1-11. Through the imagery of the donkey, the message highlights Jesus' role as the bringer of peace, both spiritually and in our lives.

#### Scripture

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. 1 Corinthians 1:22-23 (NIV)

#### Let's Start

What is the closest you have come to meeting a world leader or a celebrity?

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### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

### Let's Talk

1. What was something new you learned in the message?
2. How does Jesus' choice to ride a donkey instead of a horse challenge our understanding of power and leadership?
3. Pastor Kyle talked about how we take our personal salvation and Jesus on the "donkey," but then we look to other "horses" for help in the rest of our lives. We look for economic, political, legal, social and relational horsepower. In what areas of your life have you been seeking power or control instead of trusting in Jesus as your King?
4. Reflect on Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem. What do you think it means for us to accept Him as our King?
5. What do you find most significant about the triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
6. Pastor Kyle shared the story of Sam, a Global Partner in Ghana, who uses the "kindness approach" when working with child traffickers on Lake Volta. How does he do this, and can you think of a situation in your life where "God's kindness leads to repentance"?

### Let's Act

Who can you invite to Wooddale's Easter services?

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