

OPENING QUESTION

Who is the most important person you've ever met or seen in public? How did it happen?

READ TOGETHER

Mark 11:1-11

BIG IDEA

Jesus differs from any earthly King and as such, He prepares the way ahead of us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Look at verses 1-7. What do the instructions Jesus gives His disciples teach us about Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a young donkey? (Read Zechariah 9:9 and its context to help you with the answer) What does this tell us about the kind of King Jesus is?
3. Look at verses 8-10. How did the crowd respond to Jesus as He entered Jerusalem? Then read verse 11. How do they appear to respond there?
4. In verses 8-10, the things the crowd is shouting and cheering on Jesus. Although drawn from Old Testament Scriptures, what they shout are actually nationalistic slogans signifying their desire to return to the pinnacle of Israel's power 1000 years before when David was king. What does this tell us about the kind of king Israel wanted? Did Jesus come to be that kind of king?
5. What takes place in this story that seems to end this triumphant parade? (verse 11)
6. When the two disciples obeyed what Jesus told them to do, what happened? How do you sense that applies to our lives as disciples of Jesus?
7. What lesson do you believe this story, as a whole, is meant to teach you? What do you sense God saying to you from it?

CHALLENGE

This week, listen to what God is prompting you – like these two disciples – to obey. When you hear His prompting, like the two disciples, respond by obeying.

PRAYER

As a group, take time to pray for one another to have ears to hear what God wants you to do in obedience to Him.