

# PALM SUNDAY

## DISCUSSION GOAL



*Discuss how believing in Jesus shows up in our lives. Talk about what it looks like to honor him as king, bear witness to his work, and pursue his presence.*

## ICE BREAKER



What is something you're known for? For instance, are you the biggest fan of a certain team or movie? Or perhaps a gifted chef, teacher, or golfer?

## TEXT



*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

### John 12:12-21 ESV

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

## MESSAGE OUTLINE



*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

Big Idea: Believing in Jesus shows in our lives.

Key Question: How does truly believing in Jesus show up in our lives?

1. You honor Jesus as king. (vv. 12-15)
2. You bear witness to Jesus' work. (vv. 16-19)
3. You pursue Jesus' presence. (vv. 20-21)

## DISCUSSION



- Have someone go back and read John 12:9-11. How does the information found in these verses impact the way you read and understand this week's passage?
- As Jesus entered Jerusalem, crowds of people gathered, set out palm branches, and declared Him as king (vv.12-15). How do you honor Jesus as king in your own life?
- The people in the crowd declaring Jesus as king had seen him raise Lazarus from the dead! They were bearing witness to this miracle and the amazing power of Jesus (vv.16-17)! In what ways have you seen Jesus work in your life the lives of those around you? What does it look like to *bear witness* to this work?
- Because of his reputation, many sought after Jesus, even Greeks (vv.20-21). Read Romans 1:16-17. What does this verse teach you about the good news of Jesus? When did you first seek Jesus and put your faith in him?
- When we believe in Jesus it shows in our lives. In what ways does your belief in Jesus show up in your everyday life?

## LIFE APPLICATION



This week's passage shares the events of what is known today as "Palm Sunday." It teaches us what it looks like to have our belief in Jesus show up in our lives. Based on what you've learned this week, how should you respond to God's truth?

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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