

The header features a dark background with a dense pattern of green leaves and small white flowers. A golden crown with red jewels is positioned at the top. The word "CROWNED" is written in large, ornate, light blue letters across the center, with "ALL HAIL KING JESUS" in smaller, simpler light blue letters below it.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL



*To discuss ways to recognize Jesus as the promised King. To see how recognition naturally leads to celebration and salvation. To be wary of rejection that leads to judgement.*

### ICE BREAKER



Can you think of a time in your life when you had great anticipation? Share about that time with your group.

### TEXT



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

#### Mark 11:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

*(Turn to Mark 11 in an ESV bible to continue reading verses 11-14)*

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



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

**Big Idea:** Jesus arrives as the promised King!

**Key Question:** How will you respond to the arriving king?

1. Jesus' arrival reveals Him as the promised King. (vv. 1-7; Zech 9:9)
2. Celebrate Him and receive His salvation. (vv. 8-10)
3. Reject Him and receive His judgment. (vv. 11-14)

## DISCUSSION



- Read Matthew 21:1-5. How does Matthew's account of this story differ from Mark's? Of the differences you notice, what do they mean to you?
- Jesus' Triumphal Entry fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Compare Zechariah's prophecy and Mark's account. What does this tell us about Jesus as the promised King?
- Mark 11:8-10 tell us that many people gathered to respond to Jesus' coming. How did their actions honor Jesus? How can we similarly honor and celebrate Jesus as He's come into our lives today?
- In verse 9-10 we see the word "hosanna" repeated twice. Hosanna means "please save!" What do the words spoken in this passage tell us about the people's belief in Jesus as the Messiah? How does recognizing our desperate need for a Savior put us in the right posture to receive salvation?
- Not everyone in Jerusalem celebrated Jesus' coming, many rejected him. In Mark 11:12-14, Jesus curses the fig tree, which serves as an illustration. Although the tree appeared living, it bore no fruit, so Jesus cursed it. In what ways can people appear spiritually well, but in reality, be far from God? What does this illustration tell us about the end result of living this way?

## LIFE APPLICATION



The events in this passage are commemorated by the church as Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the first day of "Holy Week," the seven days that incorporate Jesus' final teachings, the last supper, his betrayal, crucifixion, death, and finally, resurrection! As we enter Holy Week, come up with some ideas of ways you can celebrate and receive our risen King.

*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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