

Palm Sunday

Scripture:

John 12:12-19; 19:15-16; Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:4-7

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or your consideration of the triumphal entry and the death of Jesus?

1. The sermon portrayed common reactions to Jesus:
 - Whats in it for us?
 - We are in control?
 - No, not like this?
 - **Can you identify with any of those reactions? Or have you ever seen them before?**
2. The sermon also described several things that happen when Jesus "shows up":
 - Jesus will disrupt your life
 - Jesus brings a whole new way of looking at things
 - Jesus offers you "Hosanna" (Hosanna carries the idea of saving or rescuing)
 - I must surrender
 - **Can you describe the results when have you seen Jesus "show up" in your life? What have you seen when that occurs in other lives?**
 - **Where/how do you need Jesus to show up in your life today?**
 - **How is the idea of Jesus saving or rescuing us counter to our culture?**
 - **If you have asked Jesus for His rescue, how much does your life reflect that reality?**
3. Here is another way of asking the same question: **What would those around you know you for? (What qualities about you stand out to people? What would people say that you love most?)**
 - **Do they know you for your love of family? For hobbies? For work?**
 - **Do they know you for your moral stances or standards?**
 - **Do they know you for your church participation?**
 - **Do they know you for love and grace?**

May you have a Jesus-centered week as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection!