

Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-10

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is the most memorable parade you in person or on TV?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. In our passage today, we see Jesus beginning the week leading up to His crucifixion. Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem is called the “Triumphal Entry.” The people welcomed Jesus as the King who would reestablish the kingdom of David. But some of the same people who celebrated Jesus, shouting “Hosanna” (that means “save now”) will, a few days later, be shouting, “Crucify him!”

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully.
Get two people to read **Mark 11:1-10**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so.
Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - How would you feel about going to a public place and “borrowing” a stranger’s bicycle parked there?
 - How do you think the disciples might have felt when Jesus asked them to borrow a donkey?
 - What does the fact that the disciples did what Jesus asked show about them?
 - What are some things you think the people hoped Jesus would do in Jerusalem?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - How do you think Jesus might have felt knowing that some of these same people would turn against Him and shout “Crucify Him”? What does that show about Jesus?
 - What are some ways God’s plans are different from our plans?
 - When was a time your hopes and expectations failed to happen, but later you saw God do something better than what you expected?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”

** Reading from different translations often helps.