

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 1, 2012**

**King Jesus.**  
**Luke 19:28-44**



**Today is Palm Sunday.** It's the day on the church calendar we remember when Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time on his way to the cross. His royal entrance into Jerusalem reveals his true identity. Soon Jesus will suffer the humiliation of a brutal crucifixion, but before we get to the cross, God wants us to make sure we see who he really is as the King of Kings.

**Discussion Questions:** (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Luke 19:28-44. **In order to respond rightly to Jesus, we must see him as the King that he really is.** Looking at vv. 28-34, Jesus reveals that he is **the King of Creation.** Do you see Jesus as the rightful owner of all you possess (your time, money and talents)? If so, like the owners of the colt, do you offer your possessions freely for the Lord to use for his purposes?
2. When Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a baby donkey he fulfills prophecy (see Zechariah 9:9). Yet in doing this he also shows that he is **the Humble King,** i.e. that his kingdom does not advance by the use of power and force, but through gentleness and humility. If you belong to Jesus' kingdom, what specifically does this mean about the way you now are to relate to Jesus and to others?
3. Next we see that Jesus is **the Worthy King** (vv.35-40). When Jesus enters Jerusalem, how do his followers respond to him? How do the Pharisees respond to him? What about you, do you give Jesus the public praise he deserves or do you keep silent about him and get irritated with those who publically declare him King?
4. In vv. 41-44 we see Jesus as **the Savior King.** Jesus announces judgment on those people who "did not recognize the time of God's coming to them." They did not know on that day what would bring them peace. What is the only way a person can have peace with God? What is the judgment that will come to those who do not recognize this and receive it?
5. In v.41, Jesus cries as he looks out over Jerusalem. What does this reveal about God's heart for the lost? If you belong to Jesus, do you feel the same compassion and urgency for the lost in our city? What hardens our heart toward the lost in our city? What does repentance look like? Spend time praying for the lost in our city.