

THE ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-17

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. JESUS IS THE KING WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
2. JESUS IS NOT THE KING WE EXPECTED
3. JESUS IS THE KING WHO CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. The idea that a rightful king will come and set the world right is a prominent theme in many stories throughout history that have captured people's hearts and minds. But we didn't get this idea from history. Kings and rulers have consistently been corrupted and have committed some of the most heinous acts known to man. Where do you think this desire for a rightful king comes from?
3. Jesus riding a baby donkey in Matthew 21 is a great example of the lifelong mismatch between what we want from God and what God actually gives us. The Jews believed they needed a political savior who would conquer Rome, but Jesus gave them something much greater. What do you believe you need? How do you believe God should meet those needs? Do you have any examples of when God's plans for you were different than what you thought you needed?
4. One day, Jesus will restore all of creation to what it was meant to be. Salvation does take place on a personal, individual level but it will also take place on an infinitely greater scale. All of creation will be healed. Have you ever considered Jesus' victory over sin and death through this lens? What are some implications of this idea of future restoration for all of creation?
5. What areas of your life are you hesitant to give over to Jesus? What is causing your hesitancy?
6. When Jesus takes His rightful place in your life, his power won't break you; it will heal you. What does it look like in a person's everyday life when Jesus is the King of their life? Where have you experienced the healing power of Jesus in your life?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Eventually, Jesus will exceed our expectations but, initially, He will confound our expectations.