



## KING JESUS

Fostering a close sense of community amongst your Life Group is one of the key components of the ministry. True Christian fellowship is having Christ in common and bringing that commonality into your interactions with each other through edification and encouragement. Having someone in the group share their *Story of Faith* or sharing *Evidences of God's Grace* together is a great way to fix your eyes on Jesus in the context of community. Conclude this section with prayer and then begin your study.

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### OPENING COMMENT

The way of Jesus poses such a threat to our preferred way of life that many are not willing to surrender their lives to Christ. While the faith of others is not a faith in God as He reveals Himself in Scripture but in the god of their own imaginations. Finally, those who surrender their lives to Jesus will experience the gospel so profoundly that they cannot keep from making Him known. The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

What stood out to you from Sunday's text and sermon?

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### READ THE TEXT: John 12.9-19

<sup>9</sup>When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!" ... continue to v.19



## I: WHEN THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP SEEMS TOO GREAT

1. In John 12:9-11, what is the logic of the chief priests at this point? How is their logic flawed?
2. Whether it be from personal experience or in conversation with others, what seem to be the things that one thinks they will lose in order to become a Christian? What are the perceived costs?
3. Have those things proven to be true for you? Why or why not?

## II: THE GOD OF OUR MAKING IS NO GOD AT ALL

1. In John 12:12-16 we see Jesus fulfilling prophecy and coming humbly on a donkey (a gentle servant king). We also see the crowd's response, a response that points to misplaced nationalistic expectations. Why was the crowd that shouted, "Hosanna!" on Sunday able to chant "Crucify him!" by Friday?
2. With naturalism (*only natural laws and forces operate in the world*) and relativism (*no absolute truth but everything is relative and subjective*) as such common worldviews, how do you see belief in God as revealed in Scripture being challenged today?

## III: DISCIPLES MAKE JESUS KNOWN

1. Read John 12:17. Those who were with Jesus when He raised Lazarus from the dead are bearing witness about Him to the rest of the crowd. They serve as models for all who bear witness to the Truth. The gospel is *The Good News of Jesus Christ*. What obstacles do you find in your own life that keep you from sharing this Good News with others?
2. Share who you are praying will surrender their life to Christ. Pray for them by name in your closing prayer time, interceding on their behalf before God. Pray also for each other because it may be you that God wants to use to bring them to Himself.

## CONCLUSION

In John 17:26 Jesus prayed to the Father, *I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known*. Christ's mission has become our mission, the mission of the Church: *Make God known*. Lets love people like Jesus and tell people about Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to help us do both.

## SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of what this text has impressed upon you.



- Thank God for the extraordinary measures He went to in order to restore your relationship with Him.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

