

## Jesus & His New Kingdom

*John 12:12-16 and Luke 19:41*

## Discussion Points

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The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." John 12:12-16

"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it." Luke 19:41

### Share

1. Think of a time when you expected one thing and it turned out to be quite different than you originally thought (ie a new job). Did it turn out better than you thought or worse?

### Read & Reflect

2. Read John 12:12-16 and Luke 19:41. Read it to yourself a couple times. What was going on in here? Imagine what it would have been like to be a person in that crowd.
  - What festival was the text referring to?
  - Why was Jesus on his way to Jerusalem?
  - What is the significance of palm branches?
  - Why did Jesus choose a donkey to ride into Jerusalem?
  - Why did Jesus weep?
3. What did they expect Jesus was going to do?
4. What was Jesus real intention as he rode into Jerusalem riding a donkey?
5. What was their version of kingdom that they were expecting? And how was it different than the type of kingdom Jesus was intending to bring.

### Explore

1. What does it mean for you that Jesus is in charge?
2. How as Jesus healed you? How can you be an agent of healing?
3. How have you been forgiven? Who do you need to forgive?
4. In what ways can you celebrate Jesus and his kingdom?

### Pray

- Pray for those that need healing, that need forgiveness and for those that need changed lives.