

Home Group Discussion Questions

Matthew 21:1-17

The Triumphal Entry

Any initial comments?

Why does Jesus go to so much detail arranging the donkey?

Read Zechariah 9:9-11

What is the extent of the coming King's rule? What's the implication of that for us?

What is the significance of the crowd spreading their cloaks on the road?

We're not going to be called on to lay our cloak on the ground for Jesus, but what might a similar act of devotion look like today – in your life?

'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord' is a quote from Psalm 118:25-26. It was a Psalm sung at Passover.

Read the whole Psalm. Why is that Psalm so fascinating when read in the light of Easter?

Here the crowd celebrate Jesus' arrival. Within the week they will be calling for his crucifixion. How can you explain that? What does that tell us about human nature? What does it tell us about religious experiences?

Not sure how well we would handle the adulation of a crowd. How do you handle praise and criticism? What protective responses do you have?

What do you make of what goes on in the temple? V12-13.

Read Isaiah 56:7 – the nations.

If you were set an essay title, 'Money and religion don't mix' how would you answer it? Money, religion and the human heart?

Why are the priests and scribes indignant? – v15. What is it about religion that can blind one to truth?

What's the implication of what Jesus is saying in v16?

The whole event is about Jesus coming as King. Practically, what does it mean for Christ to be King?