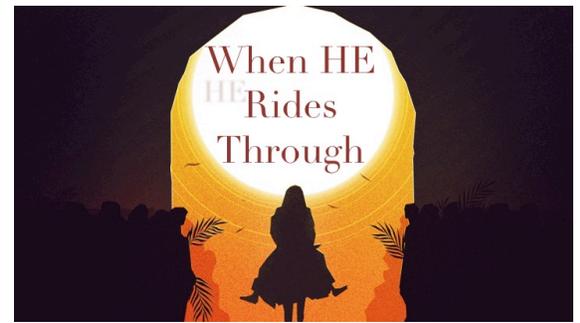




Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion
guide



When He Rides Through

Introduction: Jesus is approaching the last week of his earthly ministry. He set his face towards Jerusalem and will soon be betrayed, beaten, and crucified. The ride into Jerusalem is known as the “Triumphal Entry.” The moment that Jesus rode in on a donkey was the fulfillment of prophecy and he indeed is the Triumphant King!

Text: Luke 19:28-44

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: When you hear the term “Palm Sunday” what comes to your mind?
2. Read 1 Kings 1:32-40. What is the significance of Jesus riding in on a donkey?
3. Read Zechariah 9:9. What is the significance of Jesus riding in on a donkey?
4. When the owner of the donkey was told that the Lord needed it, what was his response? How can you let go of items in your life for the glory of God’s use?
5. What did the disciples do as Jesus was entering Jerusalem? How can we lay our life down before our King—Jesus?
6. The disciples of Jesus praised and worshiped Jesus! How can you lift up the name of Jesus?
7. They rejoiced because of what Jesus had done. They knew him to be a powerful preacher, teacher, and worker of miracles. What are reasons that you have to give Jesus praise?
8. Who wanted to silence the praise of God’s people? How do you see people or institutions in today’s culture trying to silence the praise of Jesus? Have you ever experienced opposition to your faith? How would/did you respond if you were told that you could not talk, witness, or worship Jesus?
9. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
10. What is the significance of Jesus’ statement, “Because you did not know the time of your visitation.”
11. Read 2 Peter 3:9. Jesus gives people “time” to repent. Why must we realize that the time of our visitation is “now?” How does this motivate you to share your faith?
12. Read Revelation 19:11-16. What is the significance of Zechariah 9:9 and this passage in Revelation?
13. Which side will you be on “When He Rides Through?” Will you be singing his praise or the object of his wrath?

Think About it:

Jesus rode in on a donkey because it was prophesied that he would do so. The Bible makes it clear that he will return. He will fulfill this prophecy. When Jesus returns, you will either be riding alongside him singing and praising his name, or you will be the object of the fierce wrath of God. The Lord gives everyone the opportunity to call upon the name of the Lord and be saved from their sin. Have you trusted in Jesus?

Moving Forward:

Focus your attention this week on the final week of Jesus’ life. Read through the ending of each gospel and thank God for his mighty love and grace. Pray that the Lord will draw you heart to closer devotion. Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart and help you remove anything that hinders you life of faithfulness to your king. Pray for the lost and invite at least one person to church with you on Sunday!