

Palm Sunday
Studies in Preparation for
Easter

An interactive Bible study for
individuals, families,
and LIFE Groups
~April 1-7, 2007~
“We Need a Hero”
John 12:12-16



Life Groups

In this series of Bible studies, we are looking at events leading up to the death and resurrection of Christ. Each week this discussion guide will help you reflect upon the Sunday sermon and apply its content to your life. Whether you work through these lessons on your own, with a friend, or in your family or LIFE Group, we believe they will help you have your own personal encounter with Jesus. If you ever miss a sermon, you can always listen to it online at www.upc-orlando.com.

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:

SHARE

This week's discussion revolves around the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before his crucifixion. The people hailed Jesus as a conquering hero as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Who was your hero as a child? Tell about him or her.

REFLECT

a) Read John 12:17-19. What does this passage tell you about what the crowds were expecting from Jesus?

b) The crowds cried out, "Blessed is the King of Israel!" in John 12:13. What kind of king do you think they were expecting?

c) The crowds shouted "Hosanna!" which in Hebrew means "save." Compare and contrast how they expected to be saved by Jesus and how He actually saves people.

d) Jesus rode on a donkey's colt into Jerusalem, symbolizing the way He brought peace in fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy in Zechariah 9. How did Jesus bring this peace?

e) Read John 6:14-15. Jesus withdrew when the people tried to make Him king earlier in the book of John. Why do you think He did that then, but not here in John 12?

f) Jesus is our conquering King. How would you describe Jesus' kingship? Read Isaiah 9:6-7. How does this passage describe Jesus' kingship?

g) According to John 12:16, the disciples at first did not understand the significance of the triumphal entry. How would they view it after Christ's resurrection? Why the change?

APPLY

a) What benefits have you gained by having Jesus as your conquering King?

b) Which aspect of Jesus' kingship are you most grateful for today, and why?

c) How would you live differently if you really believed that Jesus is truly sovereign over every area of your life?

d) How might the contemporary church of America make the same mistake about the nature of Christ's power that the Jews of Jesus' day did?
