



# Leader

3/29 - Matthew 21:1-11 (The Triumphal Entry)

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read our primary text. What is the context here? Let's piece it together as a group.

This passage records Jesus' entry into Jerusalem during Passover week, the final week of his earthly ministry. The crowd's actions of spreading cloaks, branches and shouting "Hosanna," were the signs of a royal welcome, echoing 2 Kings 9:13. "Hosanna" is a Hebrew cry meaning "Save us!"

3. Why is there significance in Jesus riding a donkey rather than a horse? Why is knowing and understanding the fulfillment of OT prophecy important?

In ancient times, a horse oftentimes represented war and conquest whereas a donkey represented peace and humility (ref. to Zech 9:9). The fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9, written around 500 years earlier, validates Jesus' identity and shows that his coming was not accidental but part of God's long-planned redemption. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the key reasons Christians trust the Bible's claims about Jesus.

4. We often refer to Jesus being "Lord of our lives" (our lives orienting around His will).

How is Lordship displayed in the opening verses?

"The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them." They viewed Jesus as Lord, and their own will's and desires were secondary to His. Moments of failure were certainly a part of their lives, as they are of ours, but here it is clear that Jesus is still Lord in their lives.

5. The crowd shouts "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (v. 9). What does "Son of David" mean, and why is the crowd's use of it significant?

"Son of David" is a messianic title rooted in 2 Samuel 7:12–16, where God promises David that one of his descendants will reign forever. By the first century, Jews used it as a shorthand for the coming Messiah-King. The crowd's shout publicly identifies Jesus as that figure, a politically charged declaration during Passover, when Roman and Jewish authorities were especially on edge. Note the irony: the crowd gets the title right but may misunderstand the nature of his kingdom (they likely expected a political deliverer).

6. In what ways do people today misunderstand who Jesus is?

[Example: Just a prophet, a good teacher, a moral example, a wise man]

7. This text finishes with the crowds asking the right question, "who is this?" Who do *you* say Jesus is? How would you answer this question...with peers, with kids? Do your actions reflect your answer?

[Dialogue]

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to practice sharing the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Multiple AI Resources