

WEEK 2: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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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!"- John 12:12-13

Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19, Zechariah 9:9

Imagine you are standing before a crowd, **getting** ready to appear to dozens of people yelling and praising your name. You must have done something pretty **impressive** to end up in this place and you would likely be excited to **meet** your adoring fans. When Jesus **found** himself in this same **position** on Palm Sunday, He wept tears of sorrow rather than joy. Instead of **excitement** as He entered Jerusalem, He felt sadness.

The crowd could not wait to finally see **Jesus**, the King they had been waiting for. They waved **palm** fronds, laid down their coats and robes to create a path for Him and praised His name as they **welcomed** Him. But Jesus looked upon the crowd knowing that these same people who worshiped Him now **would** soon reject Him and send Him to the cross just days later.

Jesus desperately wanted both **His** followers and His offenders to know how much He **loved** them so He wept for them and their salvation. He **continued** through the city to follow through with the task at hand, knowing God had a great plan for Him that would allow Him to save **each** and every one of those people – even those who did not love **Him** in return.

Now thousands of years later, we are **lucky** enough to know the full story. Jesus' followers then did not know what **He** was about to do for them or the great **sacrifice** He would soon make by dying on the cross to cover all our sins and allow us to live in **eternity** with Him. We know the full story, which allows us to fully praise God for not **only** who He is but what He did to show **His** love for us. **Worship** is more than just singing, it is an act of gratitude and **remembrance**. When we worship God, we are thanking Him for **everything** – past, present and future – He has done.

Questions to think about:

1. Why did Jesus weep over the people of Jerusalem?
2. What is worship?
3. What is one way you can worship Jesus today?