

'Begin Final Week' April 6, 2025

Scripture: Luke 19:28-48

Sermon Points:

Jesus rides into victory, but on a pony, knowing they don't want the real battle.

Jesus cries for the attention He received, knowing they will miss the victory.

Jesus course corrects the misplaced hope, knowing it will force them to act.

Small Group Opener Question:

As we get closer to Easter, tell us about your plans for this year.

Or

What are some Easter traditions you celebrate?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. We learned about the history of a "Conquering King" or "Roman General" that enters the city on their war horse. In contrast Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a colt or donkey. What does this say about Jesus "Kingship"?
- 2. READ Luke 19:45-46, What had the temple become in Jesus' day, and how is that different from what it was meant to be?
- 3. Are there any ways your faith practices have become hollow or transactional?
- 4. How does the reality of the cross hit you as you consider your own faith in Jesus? How does the reality of the cross hit you as you work to obey Jesus?
- 5. If you didn't talk about this last week... Who is in your relational world (oikos) that you can pray for and invite to an Easter service this year? Finish your small group by praying for these people.

If you did talk/pray about Easter invites last week, how is it going?