

Date: 1/21/18
Series: Ending and Beginning Pt. 3
Sermon Title: The Big Entrance
Sermon Text: John 12:12-19



GC Discussion Questions

Big Idea: *Jesus is the long-awaited, highly-anticipated king, although his kingdom is often misunderstood*

1. Before reading the text: Have you ever heard of Palm Sunday? What have you heard about it, and what sort of meaning is attached to it?
2. After reading the text: Why are the crowds celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? Does the text give us any clue in answering this question?
3. Verse 15 is a citation from Zechariah 9:9-10. Read these verses from Zechariah—do these verses provide any more context for our understanding of John 12:12-19?
4. The crowd seems to have understood that Jesus is a king, but they don't understand the sort of king he is, or what this king has come to do. How does the crowd's *expectation* of Jesus' kingship differ from the *reality* of Jesus' kingship?
5. Misunderstandings of Jesus' Kingship are plentiful today, even among Christians. What are some common misunderstandings of the kind of king that Jesus is, and the sort of mission he is accomplishing? What misunderstandings have you had personally, and what sorts of frustrations or problems did this cause?
6. How can Church on Mill help to bring clarity to the nature of Jesus' kingship and kingdom? What kinds of activities would we expect to see in a church that rightly understands the nature of Jesus' kingship?