

# Small Group Discussion 3/28/2021

## *Palm Sunday: The Tragedy of Triumph*

Luke 19:28-44; see also, Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, John 12:12-19, Zechariah 14



## Getting Started

- What does Palm Sunday mean to you? Do you have a favorite memory about Palm Sunday?

## Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

## From the Sermon this Morning

- Sten-Erik emphasized the dark side of Jesus' triumphal entry. Was this surprising? How did this differ from the image people often form of Palm Sunday?
- Sten-Erik spoke of how Jesus came as the King of Peace. Recall how that was illustrated in the story of Palm Sunday. We live between His first coming and His Second Coming, when He will come in triumph. What does this imply for how we live NOW?
- We viewed one of Rembrandt's paintings of the Crucifixion. Discuss what Rembrandt was illustrating by putting himself in that painting.
- We were reminded that this passage is the second time that Jesus is said to have wept. What was His lament then, and what might it be now?
- How might we recognize our own voice added to the "Crucify Him" of the crowds within a few days of Palm Sunday? Sten-Erik mentioned that we sometimes want something else — someone else — to worship.
- In the closing, Brooks talked about Jesus humbling Himself by dying on the cross. Where do we need to humble ourselves in light of what Jesus did in taking the cup, becoming sin for us and dying in our place?

## Application

- What is one way in which your praise, your "Hallelu" rings hollow? And how might you cooperate with the Holy Spirit in responding with sincerity?

