

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Jesus the King: King on a Donkey

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Date: 24th March 2024 (AM)

1. Why does Jesus 'need' a donkey? Why is Jesus intentionally seeking to fulfil Old Testament prophecies?
2. Why is the phrase 'Humble King' a seeming contradiction? What does this reveal about our expectations (and those of the crowd) of who Jesus is?
3. Zechariah 9 reveals the nature of God's coming King? How does Jesus fulfil these kingly qualities? (*...and how doesn't he fulfil them? ie. What kind of king isn't he?*)
4. John Stott writes: *"Jesus' claims for himself are very disturbing, because they are so self-centred; yet in his behaviour he was clothed with humility. Is this not unique in the history of the world?"* What do you make of this statement? How might this line of thought help you to share Jesus with someone exploring faith?
5. What does Psalm 118 teach us about God's salvation? What does it mean to shout 'Hosanna' and why is that an act of humility?
6. How does the reaction of the crowd and Jesus' response to the religious leaders in the rest of the chapter serve as a warning? (*cf. Matt. 15:8-9*)
7. Based on the events of Palm Sunday how might you answer a friend who asks you:
 - Who is Jesus?
 - What do you love most about Jesus?

Extra: Explore further the Old Testament background to this account looking at; Genesis 49:11, Isaiah 62:11 and Zechariah 14:4. What do they tell us about who Jesus is?