

Discussion Guide
The Savior Enigma: “Triumphal Entry”
April 2, 2023



Big Idea

Jesus was and is the King of peace and the King of Justice.



Icebreaker

There is a lot that can be said about “making an entrance”. Share either your, or someone else’s (without naming names), most embarrassing entrance. Or share an entrance you observed that was impactful or impressive to you.



Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 19:28-40. What does this passage say was the reasoning for the crowd joyfully praising God? Much, not all, but much of our series, *The Savior Enigma*, has centered around Jesus’ parables/teachings. With that said, however, for which miracle that we read of in the scriptures could you have seen yourself praising him mostly for in this scene? Another way to ask this is, which of Jesus’ miracles touches your heart the most and why?
2. What was the response of the Pharisees all of this “ruckus”? What was Jesus’ reply? Have you ever been ridiculed for talking about your faith? If so, how does that feel to you? How have you found to be the best way to handle the ridicule and the emotions that come with it?
3. Read Zechariah 9:9. What does what the crowd said in Luke 19:38 and what is said in Zechariah 9:9 confirm to us as to who Jesus was and is? In other words, what does each passage call him?
4. Read Luke 19:41-44. What did kings of that time ride on during seasons of war? What did kings of that time ride on during seasons of peace? What was Jesus so upset about for Jerusalem to the point of it bringing him to tears? Through both of these answers we see that Jesus is our King of P_____.
5. Read Luke 19:45-48. What purpose of injustice led Jesus to act in the manner we see him acting here? How may have the socio-economic category Jesus grew up in influenced his strong reaction here? More importantly how may have the way God looks at people influenced Jesus’ strong reaction here? Through all of this, we see that Jesus is our King of J_____.



Concluding Question

Is there anywhere that you personally see injustice in your community/the Church? Is there anyone (person or people group) that is being victimized in your community/the Church by those who have more power? Are the hungry being fed and the naked clothed? Are the sick and lonely being taken care of? In whatever comes to mind here, how can you use the peace and the love that Jesus exemplified, and that God commands of us to bring societal justice to these people? _____



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Pray for Easter celebrations everywhere, including Church services, to glorify Christ; leading people to a relationship (a deeper one or an initial one!) with God through him.