



**April 9, 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

**Text: John 12:12-19**

*This is a special week for us as we celebrate Palm Sunday. Your goal as a group this week is to prepare for Good Friday and our Easter Celebration on Sunday. In order to prepare we are going to reflect on this text and what Jesus was doing as He entered Jerusalem a week before He faced the cross.*

*Don't forget to take time this week to pray for our Easter services next week (8:30-10-11:30) and pray for who you can invite to celebrate next week.*

Read together as a group the text we looked at this Sunday John 12:12-19

Being the week of Easter what is your favorite memory from Easter growing up and what is your favorite part of Easter today?

When hearing the account of the triumphal entry of Jesus what is most surprising?

What do you think the people expected Jesus to do when he entered the city? What expectations do we tend to place on Jesus?

Mark 1:14-15 holds the first words of Jesus. How did these first words play out with the triumphal entry? What is the mission of Jesus? Why do we forget this?

Jesus is letting us know clearly that He is the King. Kings have authority. Why do we struggle giving Jesus the authority in our lives that He deserves?

Before Jesus enters Jerusalem He brings Lazarus back to life! Jesus is declaring His power over death even before He is resurrected. How should this kind of power impact our ability to trust Jesus?

Jesus is a God that will not be bound by our expectations. How do we respond when Jesus does not meet our expectations?

This week what can you lay down and surrender to Jesus to make room for His work as you prepare for Easter?