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## Small Group Bible Study

### Palm Sunday Matthew 20:20 - 21:11

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Why are we struck by the image of Jesus riding a young donkey through the crowd as they wave palm branches and shout praise?

Read the account in Matthew 21:8-9 and then move ahead to Matthew 27:20-25. What changed in that short period of time?

As Jesus & His disciples headed to Jerusalem, the mother of James & John came to Him with a request. Read Matthew 20:20-23. Did the disciples truly “get” what was coming ahead? Discuss...

Based on your own understanding of scripture, why did Jesus come?

Continue with Matthew 20:24-28. How did Jesus explain His reason for coming, and what does this mean?

Read Matthew 21:1-11. What were the people expecting of Jesus? How does reading Zechariah 9:9-13 help you understand the crowd's excitement?

What is a King supposed to do?

Read Mark 8:31-33. How did even Peter misunderstand Jesus' purpose in coming?

What is the difference between our point of view and God's?

Mark 15:1-37 tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion.

Jesus explains the purpose of His death to His disciples in Matthew 26:26-29. How do we see the difference between our point of view & God's in the death of Christ?

How are you guilty of viewing the the world, and even Jesus' purpose, from a human point of view?

Honestly reflect on this question: Would you have been any different than the crowd in Jerusalem who were one day welcoming a King, and soon after calling for His death?

In these last few days before Good Friday & Easter, how will you prepare to seek God's wisdom in understanding the death & resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from His point of view?

