

# Living Water Fellowship

## PALM SUNDAY

28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

COME TO JESUS

### Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read **Mark 11:1-11**. What questions immediately come to mind? Are you so familiar with this text that you have a hard time hearing it anew?
2. Read Zechariah 9:1-10, Psalm 48, & Isaiah 62. Jews in Jesus' day were familiar with these texts of Scripture. How might they have misunderstood Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem? How could people today misunderstand Jesus in a similar way? How do you respond when God does not do what you expect?
3. Knowing Jesus was going to go against His own people's nationalistic dreams for Him & their nation, & demonstrate his power in a radically unique & saving way, how would you characterize Jesus' public entrance into Jerusalem & his visit to the temple when He could have done so in secret?
4. Notice what Jesus does immediately on his second day in Jerusalem? Mk 11:15-18. How does this give an indication of his true mission? In what ways is Jesus' entry into Jerusalem an overt statement about his kingship?
5. Over the course of the week, the attitude & response to Jesus would shift 180°. What, in your reasoning, accounts for this shift? Does Jesus anticipate that reaction from the outset?

### For Mk 11:15-18

6. How might someone "going through the motions" of worship hinder others from approaching God? How might a legalistic "system" of religious practice keep someone from trusting God's grace & love for them?
7. What might motivate a person to seek to silence Jesus & His message, or hinder the work of the church? How surprised would you have been to see Jesus turning over tables & disrupting the sales of sacrifices in that way?
8. The religious leaders were looking for a way to get rid of Jesus by killing him, but the awe & amazement of the crowds prevented them. What do you believe is the basis of their "fear" of Jesus? Should they have been afraid? Why/Why not?
9. No church is perfect, but we are called to engage with other believers in ways that lead on-lookers to Christ. How can you be proactive in ensuring visitors, guests, & the not-yet-Christians you know experience the presence & power of Jesus at Living Water? Pray & work for that this week.

### WELCOME:

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious eternal God, let the power of your Spirit surround, sustain & excite us. Transform our troubled lives to your glory. Perfect our worship for your praise. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**GATHERING SONG:** Come, Lord Jesus, Come (AT 20)

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** (*Psalm 118 adapted verses*)

**Give thanks to the Lord. He alone is good;**

God's steadfast love is everlasting!

**Let the gates of righteousness be opened  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:** Mark 11:1-11

#### FAITH CHAT:

**SONG:** Glory to the Lamb

**THE MESSAGE:** *NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT: THE FLIP SIDE OF POWER*

#### PRAYERS:

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Lord on this day you entered the rebellious city that later rejected you. We confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is at times more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing.

***Have mercy on us, Son of David our Saviour. We lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to make new what sin has corrupted, and to receive us as your own.***

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Give us the mind of Christ, so we would know your promises. Grant us the heart of Christ, so we might serve your world. Pour out on us the Spirit of Christ, so we might obey you without hesitation.

**Thank you! You have answered us with the gift of salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who welcomes us as children returning home to the Father! Amen.**

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.**

*Worship during Communion: Jerusalem (City Alight)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**BLESSING:**

**† \_\_\_\_\_, child of God, the power of Christ lives in you. Amen.**

**ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE**

Equal with God:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Emptied himself:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Came as a slave:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Found as a man:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Humbly obeyed:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Went to his death:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Death on a cross:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
God raised him up:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Gave him the name:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Higher than all:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
Every knee bow:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>
All tongues confess:	<b>Jesus is Lord</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:** To God Be The Glory

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

**MARK 11:1-11**

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup> "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

<sup>4</sup> The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. <sup>5</sup> As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup> Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

<sup>10</sup> Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup> So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

*For further study: Mark 11:15-18*

<sup>15</sup> When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."

<sup>18</sup> When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.