



John 12:12-19

Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, April 9.

All four gospels include the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem the Sunday before he was crucified. Read all four accounts to get a better grasp of this event. (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19)

1. Why was it such a big deal for Jesus to publicly enter Jerusalem? See John 11:49-57.
2. What was the response of the crowd? Do you think they understood what they were doing?
3. What do you think Jesus meant in Luke's account when he said that if the people were silent, the stones in the road would cry out? See Zech. 9:9.
4. What was the response of the Jewish religious leaders? What were they worried about?
5. When did Jesus' disciples realize the importance of this event?
6. Have you noticed in scripture how people respond to Jesus, how polarizing he is; they are either for him or against him. Why do you think that is generally true?
7. What is one way you can praise and honor Jesus this week?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- ***Memory verse: John 6:35 - Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."***
- *Play a game of Tic Tac To with the kids to make it fun. Divide into two teams. If a team answers a question they put an X or an O on the board. If they don't know the answer the other team can steal.*
- *Mark the verses you want to read, but leave a few for kids to look up and read.*