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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of March 18th // Conversation March 24th

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that occurred one week before His resurrection. It marks the start of what some people call “Passion Week” - the final seven days of Jesus’ ministry. Palm Sunday was the beginning of the end of Jesus’ work on earth. Let’s study the events of this special day and see how it fulfills Old Testament prophecy.

pray.

One of the best ways to open up your prayer time is to praise God for who He is. Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.” Let’s do that today!

observe.

Marking key words in passages of Scripture helps to draw your attention to the main ideas/themes. It causes you to slow down and absorb what you’re reading.

- 01** Put a  over every mention of God.
- 02** Put a  over every mention of Jesus.
- 03** Underline everything the crowd does and says.

Luke 19:28 - 40 (NLT)

²⁸ After telling this story [the parable of the 10 servants], Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead.

³⁰ “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?”

³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

This action - riding into Jerusalem on a colt - was fulfillment of a prophecy laid out in the book of Zechariah.

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT)

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey - riding on a donkey's colt.

Let's continue on with the story of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:8 - 11 (NLT)

⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (John 12:13 tells us these were palm branches, hence the name, PALM Sunday.) ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!”

¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked. ¹¹ And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Not everyone had this reaction. Let’s see how the Pharisees responded.

Luke 19:39 - 40 (NLT)

³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” ⁴⁰ He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

*The **very day** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey was also the fulfillment of a prophetic timeline given in Daniel 9:25!*

interpret.

01 How did Jesus come into the city of Jerusalem? What was significant about that?

02 . What did the crowd do when Jesus rode in?

03 How did the Pharisees respond?

apply.

- 01** How does it make you feel knowing that the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is the fulfillment of many prophecies about the Messiah? What does it tell you about the truth of Scripture? How about the rest of the prophecies that haven't been fulfilled yet?
- 02** What happens at the end of the Passion Week? (Hint: Think Good Friday and Easter Sunday.)
- 03** Do you think you would have recognized Jesus as the Messiah? Would you be holding a palm branch and praising God in the crowd too?

bring it together.

After Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he wept over the city because He knew the future that awaited it and the people inside. He knew that they would not recognize Him as Messiah, even though He would shortly die for their sins.

He wept because they, “did not recognize it when God visited [them]” (Luke 19:44b). They were too blind to understand that this event was one in a long chain of events that would lead to the salvation of the entire world. They had the prophecies in front of them, but they didn’t understand.

Jesus also knew that the entire city of Jerusalem, including the temple, would be destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. His followers would be scattered and face incredible persecution.

Despite all of that, the Gospel would spread far and wide and the good news of the sacrifice of Jesus would eventually make its way to us in our modern day society. Even though it may feel like Palm Sunday happened such a long time ago, its effects reach into our daily lives today in 2024!

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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