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### PRAYER

When we cry "Hosanna", we acknowledge that you are the promised Saviour and that you are the only one that can save us. Our cry of Hosanna is not just one of recognition that you *can* save us, but one of desperation, that you *will* save us! God, we worship you today, Amen!

### WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

If you could have a meal or coffee with any leader, dead or alive from history other than Jesus Christ, who would it be and why?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>11</sup> And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

[Mark 11:1-11 \(ESV\)](#)

**The juxtaposition of Jesus the King above all kings that were and ever will be, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey is an image of both the majesty of God, yet his immense love and compassion for us, his people.**

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = unloving, 10 = completely loving), how do you rate your love for people you don't know they need help? Why do you rate your ability this way?
2. *Hosanna* in Greek means, "Save, I pray" or "Help!" Why do you think the people chose the word, Hosanna, as their exaltation or praise of God? Do you think it's a word you might use to address God?

3. What symbolism do you see in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem that ties significance to his death on the cross, burial, resurrection, and what he did for humankind?
4. Donkeys are known biblically as animals that are humble, carry heavy loads, and usually carry rulers to sign treaties of peace. Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey to ride for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem? What can this mean if we allow him to "ride" into our lives?
5. The donkey Jesus chose had never been ridden and the disciples who untied it were purposefully unnamed. Why do you think this might have been significant for Mark to mention? What can this mean for us today?

## PRAYER LIST