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PRAYER

Lord, when you bless us and keep us, and make your face to shine upon us, we know we are completely fulfilled in You. Help us to always be complete in who we are in light of who You are in us and how you define us! We thank you for your Son Jesus, who counted outward appearance not as something of consequence, but his appearance as our resurrected King is our salvation! You entered history, to completely change our history, that our story become a part of your eternal story. Thank you for always showing up! In Jesus name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you could make anything appear for your two hands to hold right now, what would it be, why, and what would you do with it?

NOTES

WORD

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

[MARK 11:1-10](#)

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem In the book of Mark, we are told Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a colt as crowds gathered, singing songs of praise and shouting Hosannah! and Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! ([Mark 11:8-10](#)).

Many people spread cloaks upon the ground and cut down branches for their entering King This, they believed, was their moment of deliverance from Roman oppression. The energy was palpable, the air filled with joyful expectation. But Jesus looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve ([Mark 11:11](#))

After the crowd gathers, after all the singing and dancing, after all the praising and victorious shouting, what does Jesus do. He leaves. He looks around and decides to walk back to Bethany to get some rest.

Talk about a let down.

Where was all the action. Where was the preaching that would put the pagan Romans in their place.

Where was the climax to all the kingdom talk. Jesus had entered the city of Jerusalem riding on a colt in similar fashion to that of a conquering king, but

what was to be conquered. Who do they confront. The tension would have been palpable. What does Jesus do next.

Nothing..

Andy King - Holy Week Devotional - Highpoint Atlanta

GUIDE QUESTIONS

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

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being never and 10 being always) how do you rate your consciousness about your appearance? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to use a Donkey rather than a different animal, in order that He would enter into Jerusalem? What can we gather from Jesus' animal ride choice for our own lives?
3. "Hosanna in the Highest" was the exclamation of the people who gathered to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Hosanna can be translated as a term used in recognition of One who saves. Knowing that the cry from the people who had gathered to welcome Jesus, what can be said of your specifically desperate need for a Saviour found in Jesus? What does this mean for your life?
4. How would you describe your praise of God? Loud and generous with their praise like the crowd who had gathered to welcome Jesus? Or quiet and reserved? Why do you think you praise God this way, if you do?
5. [John 1:12](#) teaches us that ALL who receive Jesus and believe in his name, he has given them the right to become children of God. Have you received Jesus? If so, have you shared this testimony recently with someone? If not, would you like to receive Jesus today?

If you don't yet have a relationship with Jesus and you would like to, ask your Life Group leader to pray for you. You may also pray this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.