



The Triumphal Entry



Bible reading: Matthew 21:1-11

The Easter story begins with this beautiful scene. In Jesus' time if a king rode on a donkey, it was a sign that he came in peace. Jesus had come in peace, and the people welcomed him like royalty. They laid down their coats for him, waved palm branches, and sang his praises.

That's exactly why Jesus came. He did not come to be made an earthly king, but an eternal king. Jesus had come to save us from sin. The only way he could do that was to die on the cross. Only Jesus could save us from sin, and only Jesus deserves our praise. The people of Jerusalem welcomed him to town, but if we are wise, we will welcome Jesus into our hearts.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 21:1-11

- Where was Jesus going in this story?
- What animal did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem?
- What did the people do when Jesus entered Jerusalem?
- Why do we need to invite Jesus into our hearts?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: John 3:16

Have everyone sit in a line or in a circle and see if they can do the wave while saying the memory verse. How long can you keep it going?