



There's always excitement when a new leader shows up. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, a sense of hope was thick in the air. What kind of king was Jesus going to be?

- Open with prayer.
- If your group is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

## REVIEW

Open your Bibles and read from **Matt. 21:1-11**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowd treated him like a king. What kind of king and kingdom were the people expecting? How do their wishes compare with the reality of Jesus?
- What are some unrealistic expectations we sometimes have of God? What can we do to keep our expectations of God rooted in truth?
- What difference does it make to you that Jesus is a gentle King, and not like the one described in 20:25? How does this attribute of Jesus challenge you as a believer being molded into His image?
- What further attributes of Jesus' kingship are on display in Zechariah 9?
- How does the timing of His coming to Jerusalem (at Passover) indicate his role as Savior King?
- What do you think prevented some people in Jerusalem from seeing Jesus as Messiah? What blinds people to the truth today?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

## **PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS**

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.