

**“Behold Your King!”  
Matthew 21:1-11**

Today we will be reminded of the amazing event known as the triumphal entry. Jesus rides into Jerusalem right on schedule to present Himself as both King and God’s perfect Lamb! We can learn from this great text as we observe the emphasis on the. . .

**PLAN of Jesus (1-3)**

- His **Commitment**
  
- His **Control**

**PROPHECY of Jesus (4-6)**

- **Coming** of the King
  
- **Character** of the King

**PERCEPTION of Jesus (7-11)**

- Popular **Opinion**
  
- Personal **Opportunity**

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**Small Group/Family Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker:** Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Share about a time you rode on a horse or pony. (We’ll even take a “merry-go-round” story 😊)

**Questions**

1. How did Jesus demonstrate complete control in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem? How does He show His control in your life?
  
2. What caution does the triumphal entry account give us about the danger of emotionalism apart from solid truth?
  
3. What kind of Messiah-King did the people want and what kind did they truly need? How can our wants and expectations from God sometimes blind us to what we need most from Him?
  
4. Jesus is called “meek” (“lowly, gentle”) in v 5 and in Matthew 11:28-29. Why is this quality so important for us to have as we serve the Lord?

**Small Group Prayer**

Matthew 21:10 states a question the people asked about Jesus – “Who is this?” Each person share one truth that describes Who Jesus is. Then as each one prays, begin by praising Jesus for the specific truth they mentioned about Him.

**Digging Deeper**

Make “Holy Week” holy by reading Matthew’s account of each day of that week. (The crucifixion may have occurred on Thursday, but we’ll use the traditional Good Friday. Most important thing, it DID HAPPEN. Amen! Thank you, Jesus!)

Mon – Matthew 21:12-22

Tue – Matthew 21:23-27; 22:15-40

Wed – Day of Silence (But read Matthew 23-25)

Thu – Matthew 26:20-56

Fri – Matthew 26:57-75; Matthew 27:1-61

Sat – Matthew 27:62-65