



Sermon Study Guide for April 2, 2023

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Jesus doesn't come into Jerusalem to fanfare or to blasting trumpets, but lowly, on a donkey, to a crowd spreading cloaks and branches. We join in the chorus as we proclaim with the crowds, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. What is your favorite part of Holy Week? Is there one service during this week that you enjoy the most?

2. Do you have any Palm Sunday traditions? If so, what are they?

In the Word: Matthew 21:1-11

3. Jesus sends two disciples before them to find the colt of the donkey. The reasoning? To fulfill the prophecy from Zechariah 9. What does this prophecy show about Jesus, and the humility that He has as the Son of God?

4. As the people proclaim "Hosanna," they are proclaiming, "Save us, Son of David!" We often proclaim Hosanna on Palm Sunday, but in what ways do we proclaim this each and every day?

5. Many proclaimed Jesus' name, but still many others asked, "who is this?" Many would have known who Jesus was, but many would have only heard of this man. How do we see that in our world today? Do we proclaim Hosanna in our lives that others might know Jesus?

6. **Read Philippians 2:5-11** What does Paul mean when he says to have the same mindset as Jesus? What does that mean, and how can we emulate that?

7. Jesus could have easily used his equality with God to be used to his own advantage. But He didn't. How could he have done that, and why are we thankful that he didn't?

8. "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" Jesus humbled himself to death, not just any death, but death on a cross, for you. What does the type of death that Jesus endured say about His love for you?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

9. Jesus showed the greatest humility ever, as he humbled himself to death on the cross. How can we show that same humility of Jesus in our lives?

10. As you continue to proclaim Hosanna to the Son of David, and prepare for Easter, what joy can you share with those around you? And as we prepare for our Connect service launching a week after Easter, who are some young families that you could invite to join us for worship?

Prayer: Thank God for the humility of Christ. Thank Jesus for humbling himself to live, and die as a human. Thank God that isn't the end of the story. Ask God that He might give you a heart of love and service to those around you like Jesus has.

Next Week: We celebrate the greatest day in history! We reclaim and return the "a-word" that we put away for Lent. Easter, the day that changed absolutely everything for our future and eternity!