



Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.

Warm Up:

If you grew up attending church, how do you remember observing Palm Sunday? What was special for you about the day?

Discuss:

1. Read Zachariah 9:1-10, which is a description of what the Israelites believed God would do through the future leader or king he would give to the nation. What stands out to you in this description? Is it the description you would have expected if you were an ancient Israelite?
2. Read John 12:12-19. How does Jesus fit Zachariah's description of Israel's future leader? What do you think Jesus' disciples did not understand (v. 16)?
3. How is Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem the embodiment of humility? How does the crowd's reaction contrast with Jesus' behavior?
4. Do you think our culture lacks appropriate humility? Where do you see this? Why is this so?
5. How does Jesus during Holy Week--from his entrance into Jerusalem to his death on the cross--provide us with a pattern of humility to follow?
6. Where in your life does the example of Jesus' humility challenge you? In what relationship or environment is God challenging you to be more humble?
7. Which of the three sermon titles used this weekend is the most challenging or thought provoking to you? Why?



Wrap Up:

Share any final thoughts and close in prayer.