



# TALK IT OVER

*Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.*

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## Warm Up:

Have you ever welcomed something with excitement—only to later realize it wasn't what you expected? What happened?

## Discuss:

1. On Palm Sunday, the crowds welcomed Jesus with celebration and hope—but many misunderstood the kind of King he came to be. Where might you be expecting Jesus to meet your needs on your terms rather than receiving him as he truly is?
2. The people shouted praise one day and many turned away days later. What causes our enthusiasm for Jesus to rise and fall in different seasons of life?
3. Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly, not with power or force. Why do you think humility is often harder to accept or follow than strength and control?
4. Welcoming Jesus as King means surrendering control. What is something you are still trying to manage, fix, or control instead of placing it fully in his hands?
5. As Holy Week begins, we are invited to stay with Jesus—not just in celebration, but also in sacrifice. How can you stay spiritually engaged and present with Jesus this week?



## Apply:

This week, practice a daily moment of surrender. Each morning, open your hands (literally) and pray: “Jesus, you are King. Not my will, but yours.” Then intentionally release one specific worry, expectation, or area of control to him each day. As the week unfolds, pay attention to how surrender shapes your peace, your decisions, and your perspective.

## Pray:

Jesus, We welcome you—not as the King we imagine, but as the King you truly are. Forgive us for the ways we try to shape you to fit our expectations. Teach us to trust your humility, your timing, and your ways. As we enter this Holy Week, help us not to turn away when the road becomes difficult, but to stay with you—faithful, open, and surrendered. You are our King. We choose to follow you. Amen.