

# Trinity Community Church

## Family Worship Guide

For Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

"Jesus, Save Us!"

Mark 11:1-11

### **SERMON SUMMARY**

Jesus enters Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey to fulfill the OT prophecies regarding the way the forthcoming Messiah would make His appearance and entry into Jerusalem. The crowds of people were gathered together for the feast of the Passover, and welcomed Jesus by throwing their garments and palm branches on the path before Him, and by shouting: "Hosanna! (which means "Save us!")..."Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people were looking and longing for a temporal, political and military Savior, while Jesus was bringing what ONLY He can bring: A perfect, complete, and eternal salvation of body and soul!

### **Suggested Questions for Students and Kids**

1. What did Jesus tell His two disciples to go get for Him from the village outside Jerusalem?
2. Why do you think Jesus enters in Jerusalem on a donkey?
3. What was the reaction of the people and what do they cry out?
4. What does this text teach us about Jesus?

## **Suggested Questions for Adults**

1. What does Jesus tell His disciples to do as they were preparing to go to Jerusalem? How do you think the owner of the colt knew of Jesus and his request?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey? Read Zechariah 9:9-12, 16. What are some things that stand out to you in this passage about the Messiah and His mission?
3. Why do you think the people were so excited to see Jesus and what were they chanting as they saw Him?
4. What do you think Jesus was thinking as He heard the crowds chant “Hosanna!” and be full of joy at his arrival in Jerusalem?
5. What is something that the Lord has spoken to you through this message?
6. What are some things that the Lord is teaching you through the Coronavirus pandemic?

## **Weekly Prayer Focus**

### **Pray for Our Church**

- Praise God for granting us salvation and for giving us a desire to serve Him and others selflessly;
- Pray for safety for every member of our congregation, especially for those of our medical professionals who are daily treating and caring for the sick; pray for God's peace to be present in each of us;
- Pray that we will all recognize needs around us and find wise ways to lovingly respond to and meet those needs as the body of Christ;
- Pray that God would protect the income of those whose jobs are being affected by this pandemic;
- Ask God to help us see and celebrate all of His work around us, even when we don't fully understand it.

### **Pray for Our City**

- Praise God for our elected officials;
- Pray for our local, state, and national officials that God would strengthen them and give them wisdom as they lead our city, county, state, and nation through these very difficult and uncertain times;
- Pray for the other churches in town that God will protect, provide, and use them and us, as a united Body of Christ, to meet the needs of our city;
- Pray that God will use this time to bring our city to the knowledge of God.

### **Pray for Our Country**

- Praise God for our country and for the many freedoms, privileges, and blessings we have in this nation;
- Pray for our state and nationally elected officials that God would grant them wisdom and discernment in dealing with this pandemic virus;
- Pray for the families who've already lost loved ones because of this virus;
- Pray that God will draw many people to Himself through these difficult times.

## **Pray for Our World**

- Pray for all our missionaries throughout the world. They are all being impacted in some way by the Coronavirus epidemic;
- Specifically, pray for the Millers (Brian and Trish), and for the McCartneys (Matt and Ashley and their 3 kids) in Turkey. They are all in isolation in their homes and trying to both stay safe and minister to the flocks that God has entrusted to them. Ashley had an MRI done this week and the results showed that the brain tumor is stabilized, but the doctor recommended that she continues chemo for another year. Please continue to pray for Ashley's health