

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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12/11/16 - "Palm Sunday"



MONTEREYCHURCH

**WELCOME:** What song best describes your life right now?

**WORSHIP:** [Worship Playlist](#)

**WORD:** Read John 12:12-19

*What was your greatest takeaway from the sermon this weekend?*

*How were you challenged through the scripture?*

The great crowd heard Jesus was coming to the festival, so they went out to meet Him with great fanfare, waving palm branches (symbolizing victory), and shouts of "Hosanna!" The crowd was filled with spontaneous, unconstrained worship of their Messiah. *Why was the great crowd so passionate in their worship? What might hold us back, at times, from worshiping Jesus in the same way?*

Contrary to what the crowd may have expected, Jesus arrived to the festival riding on a young donkey. *Why was the donkey so significant (cf. Zech. 9:9)?*

The world, and all of its messages, over-promises and under-delivers. *Have you experienced these under-delivered promises of the world? Where did they leave you?*

Just as Christ arrived to the festival, the Kingdom of God may come in understated ways, but unlike the promises of the world, it over-delivers! *As you grow in your faith, how have you personally experienced the understated, over-delivered Kingdom of God?*

*How are we to perceive/recognize the promises of God versus the promises of the world?*

It's tempting to go after the things we can see rather than responding to what we hear from God. Living out the gospel requires faith and endurance. *Has God recently given you a word or passage of Scripture to hold onto? How can you hold onto and take these words from the Lord more seriously?*

**WITNESS:** Christmas is right around the corner! Challenge the group this week to invite 2 people/families to our Christmas Eve + Christmas Day gatherings so they can hear the greatest news of the gospel!