



## Study Guide – Palm Sunday 21 March 2021 Holy Week

### Please read John 12.1-8

1. What significance do you think this scene has to the events of Holy Week? And how do Mary's attitude and actions inspire you?

*This is the carefully planned announcement of God's Promised King to the City of God – Jerusalem. The scenes in Holy Week are like the OT Prophetic Announcements of God, where the words and actions are full of symbolism and meaning. The significance of his triumphal entry and the events surrounding it are rich and multi-layered. Everything is pre-planned and carried out to have maximum impact.*

### Please read Luke 19.29-35; Zechariah 9.9-10; 1 Kings 1.37-40

2. Why is the donkey important to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

### Please read Luke 19.36-38; John 12.12-15; Psalm 118.22-27

3. It seems like the crowd chose their chants very carefully – what was going on here?
4. Why was this all such a problem for the Pharisees - see **Luke 19.39?**  
And why do you think Jesus responded like he did - see **Luke 19.40?**

### Please read Luke 19.41-44

5. Jesus is surrounded by well-wishers and worshippers. Why is he weeping?

### Please spend some time reflecting on the following statements and Praising Jesus.

This visit to Jerusalem for Passover is where it all comes to a head for Jesus. And for all of us. This is where he will clearly identify Who God's King really is. And we have a choice: Which King will we honour as our Lord?

This is where he will confront and oppose self-righteous and blind religion.

This is where he will confront the politics of pride and independence.

This is where he will confront evil

This is where he will take our sin upon himself before God's full measure of justice.

This is the week he faces.

This is the choice he makes.

### Please read John 12. 23-28 to close