



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Palm Sunday 10 April 2022

Read verses 12-19

1. Why do you think the crowd came together and reacted in the way they did? Who and what were they expecting?
2. The disciples had no idea what was going on (v16). What might they have thought at the time?
3. Think about how the Pharisees reacted (v19). Picture yourself in the scene and discuss how you might have reacted.
4. What kind of king did the people think they were welcoming? What kind of king was actually coming? When you picture Jesus as king is your picture more like the crowd's understanding or more like Jesus' own view? (John 18:36).

Read verses 1-10

5. What might Mary have been thinking when she took this action? What were the disciples thinking? (Matt.26:8-9) How can we distinguish between extravagant love and wasteful extravagance? What questions might we ask when considering how much to spend, for example, on a church building?
6. Why did John place this passage, with its clear reference to Jesus' probably imminent death, just before the account of the 'triumphant entry' into Jerusalem. Is it significant that Jesus knew and had clearly told the disciples that he was going to his death?

Read verses 20-36

7. Why do you think John placed this passage, which again speaks very clearly of the imminence and inevitability of his death, just after the 'triumphant entry' passage?
8. What things stood out to you in this passage? What words would you use to describe Jesus reactions at this time -e.g. troubled but determined?
9. When we think of Jesus as being triumphant, or glorified are we more likely to think of the crowd's acclaim or the coming triumph over death, through Jesus' own death
10. We read these passages with post-Easter hindsight. But they do challenge us to think about how we ourselves respond to Jesus. Am I more like the crowd, the Pharisees, the disciples, Mary, or the Greeks looking to meet with Jesus. How do we respond when we want to hear about glory and he speaks to us of about giving up and facing the trials of this world?