

COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

Date: 4/2/23

Sermon: Palm Sunday

Text: Matthew 21:1-17

Speaker: Ted Rastatter

Questions: Will Massaro

This week Pastor Ted took a break from our Daniel series to celebrate Palm Sunday, and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem one week before his death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus' entry clarified the mission and mode of his time on earth and challenged the motivations of the people surrounding him.

3 M's of Jesus' Triumphal Entry

- Clarifies the **Mission & Mode**
- Challenges **Motivations**

Discussion:

1. What was Jesus' central **Mission** on earth? How does that differ from what the crowds and Pharisees wanted from him? How does it differ from what you want from him sometimes?
2. In what "**Mode**" (Way) did Jesus accomplish his **Mission**? Why did Jesus come humbly and die? These are two very surprising things for the God of the universe to do.
3. What were the **Motivations** for being around Jesus, God, or religion for the various groups of people in this story (crowds, pharisees, money-changers, children, disciples, etc.)? What false motivations could/have shown up in your life for following Jesus, God, or religion?
4. Pastor Ted was clear. The **Motivation** for coming to Jesus should just be receiving Jesus. What does that mean? What does it mean to initially receive Jesus and what does it mean to continue receiving him forever?
5. Pastor Ted gave a strong exhortation to our church about loving knowledge more than Jesus and others. We want to study the Bible, and gain knowledge, but there is a type of knowledge that "puffs up". The Pharisees in Jesus' day and many Christians today have knowledge that simply "puffs them up". How can we avoid that type of knowledge in our community groups and our church? How can we focus on loving Christ and loving others more than loving knowledge?