



## Family Conversation Guide

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In this week's passage from the Book of John, Jesus enters Jerusalem. The Jewish leaders had already decided to kill Him, as well as Lazarus. This is what happened next.

### READ AND DISCUSS

Ask family members to find [John 12:12-26](#) in their Bibles. Give them pens and paper so that they can take notes as they listen to the sermon.

1. In **Daniel 9:24-27**, read what the angel Gabriel said to Daniel. This was a prophecy about Jesus. **He told Daniel that Israel would be restored, and nearly 500 years later a prince (the anointed one) would come to rule Jerusalem.** Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.
2. **Why did so many people gather on the road to Jerusalem? (v.12- They wanted to see Jesus, and they also wanted to see Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead- see v.10)**
3. During the Feast of the Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. David Chadwick explained that, during the Passover, over 3 million people would attend the celebration, and over 265,000 lambs would be brought to the city to be sacrificed. One perfect, unblemished lamb would be chosen to be sacrificed on that Friday, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. **Jesus died on Friday, at the exact moment the lamb would be sacrificed-He was the perfect Lamb of God.** (John the Baptist had called Jesus the Lamb of God)
4. Jesus entered Jerusalem on a small donkey God provided for Him (**v. 14**). This fulfilled another prophecy in **Zechariah 9:9. What did the people do to honor**

**Jesus?** (v.12,13- *They laid out branches of palm trees and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even to the King of Israel!"*)

**For what reason did they think Jesus had come?** (*To be their king*)

5. In the sermon, we heard that the religious leaders were bothered by people being so loud, and told Jesus to quiet them. **Jesus said that if the people were quiet, the rocks would worship Him!** All of nature would worship Jesus. Imagine!
6. David Chadwick talked about fear. **What casts out all fear?** (*Perfect love*) In the Bible, we are told over and over again not to fear. God loves you as a father loves His daughter. (v. 15)
7. Read **verse 16**. The disciples did not understand all of these things at first, but it was all revealed to them later. Then they began to explore these things. **When we read the scripture in light of the cross and resurrection, it all comes together.**
8. Read **Matthew 5:44**. **How should we treat those who hurt us?** (*Pray for them, love them as Jesus loves us.*)
9. Read **verse 17**. **What is the best way to do evangelism?** (*Tell others about Him*)
10. Read **verse 20-22**. **What did the Greeks ask Philip?** (*They wanted to see Jesus*)
11. Andrew was always introducing people to Jesus. **What is our major purpose as followers of Jesus?** (*To help people see Jesus*)
12. **When Andrew and Philip told Jesus, what did Jesus say?** (v. 23-26) Jesus knew His time was coming. He knew that when He died for us, it would release His power into the world. In the same way, when we die to ourselves, we can

bear much fruit for Jesus, bringing others to belief in Him.(v. 25)

13. Read **Luke 19:41**. **What happened when Jesus saw Jerusalem? Why did He weep?** (*He knew they would reject Him, and that Jerusalem would be destroyed.*)

14. In the last part of the sermon, David Chadwick refers to the times before Jesus returns, the second coming. Read **Luke 21:11-28**, and discuss together. **Should we be afraid, or do we put our trust in Jesus and believe in His love for us?** Jesus is FOR us, not against us. But He wants us to know what is coming. And this time, He will be riding on a white horse as the King of Kings! He will restore this world to what He originally created it to be. **Are we ready?**

### **FAMILY CHALLENGE**

Together, talk about how you can tell others about Jesus. **How can we serve Jesus?** (*Follow Him, serve others, give our lives away*) Talk about how Jesus will reward those who serve Him well for their good works.

### **FOR YOUNGER KIDS**

Together, watch “The Donkey and the King” in the Bible App for Kids.

### **PRAYER**

*Dear Jesus, Show us how we can serve You. How can we tell others about You? We want You to be pleased with what we do while we are in this world, so that when we see You in heaven You will be pleased with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.*