

Donkey Rides

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Matthew 21:1-11

1. What is Passover? Why is it important? What does its commemoration tell us about our connection to the past?
2. How did the Passover festival contribute to binding the people together as a community? What celebrations mould us together as a people?
3. How would the memory of the exodus be looked at under the country's occupation by Rome?
4. Why a donkey? What was the point of this? What message do you think Jesus was trying to send by entering Jerusalem this way?
5. What does this tell us about Jesus' mission and how he viewed what he was doing? Why was *how* he went about his mission so important?
6. What is power? Who has power in our society? How is it used?
7. What power did Jesus have? How did he use it? How does he expect us to use power in his name?
8. What does the power of Jesus look like? What does it do?
9. Who does not have power? Why not? How does Jesus want us to help the powerless?
10. What is your donkey ride? How do you model a different way of using power, for different ends, for people often ignored?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine and the people affected by the conflict.
- Pray for the recently arrived family from Afghanistan, particularly for a more permanent place to live.