

REJOICING IN THE WILDERNESS

MAKE
ROOM

GROUP
RESOURCE

Our Liturgy

The Lord is here – His Spirit is with us.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is – there is Freedom!

CONNECT

– 15 MINUTES

Did you Make Room to engage with the lament process since we last gathered?

Did you find yourself strengthened? How?

REVIEW

– 30 MINUTES

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice – your king is coming to you!

How would you respond to this imperative in the middle of a desolate place with no king in sight?

Rejoice – gheel – to spin round under the influence of any violent emotion

THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-11

Imagine yourself in the scene. Where do you see yourself in the story? What did you notice about Jesus, the crowds, and your own response?

"Hosanna! Lord, save us. Bring the Victory!" Quoting Psalm 118:24-26

What were the people expecting from Jesus? What are you expecting from Jesus?



THE PROBLEM WITH JESUS

Right after this triumphant entry Jesus cleanses the temple and heals some misfits—that isn't the problem people were expecting Him to solve.

1 Corinthians 1:25 – God's wisdom and plans don't always make sense to us.

The cross was not a logical destination for the Messiah—taking up our cross is not intuitive for us either.

When Jesus disappoints us what is our response?

- Apathy – indifference, a natural response to disappointment
- Curse God – Crucify Him!
- Confusion
- Vow not to risk disappointment or being fooled
- Lament
- Worship by faith

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Spiritual maturity isn't about waiting for all the conditions to be right to worship.

We activate faith through worship:

- Worship magnifies God
- Worship remembers his promises.
- Worship brings a 'sacrifice of praise.' *Heb. 13:15*
- Worship brings our body and soul into alignment with truth.
- Worship activates faith and releases joy



APPLICATION

— 20 MINUTES

Is there an area of your life where you struggling with believing God is good and that He is going to come through for you?

You might need to lament some things. (See the sermon resource for [March 17, 2024](#))

“Raise a Hallelujah” over your circumstances. Begin to praise, worship, and thank God for all He has done and all He has promised to do.

Every time the concern comes to mind, give it to God again with worship.

