

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Humility enabled Jesus to endure both praise and suffering without being swayed by either.
2. Pride is the beginning of many sins and keeps us from fully surrendering to Christ.
3. Having Jesus as "rabbi" but not "Lord" means we'll betray Him when the price is right.
4. True lordship means obedience even when we don't understand, don't agree, or don't want to.
5. Holy Week changed everything—for the world and for each of us individually.

Discussion Questions:

1. Triumphant Entry: What stands out to you about how Jesus entered Jerusalem? Why do you think He chose to ride on a donkey rather than a horse or in a more "kingly" manner?
2. Humility vs. Pride: Andrew Murray wrote, "Pride must die in you or nothing of heaven can live in you." How does pride show up in your spiritual life? What does true humility look like in practical terms?
3. Rabbi vs. Lord: What's the difference between having Jesus as your "rabbi" (teacher) and having Him as your "Lord"? Why is this distinction so important?
4. Your Price: Jason mentioned that everyone has a "price" they might betray Jesus for—whether it's a promotion, status, comfort, or something else. What areas of your life are you most tempted to withhold from Jesus's lordship?
5. Highs and Lows: Jesus went from the highest of highs (triumphant entry) to the lowest of lows (crucifixion) in one week. When have you experienced spiritual highs and lows? How did humility (or lack of it) affect how you handled those seasons?
6. The Judas Question: All the disciples asked, "Is it I, Lord?" except Judas, who said, "Is it I, Rabbi?" How honest are you with yourself about your own capacity to betray Jesus in small or large ways?

Practical Applications:

Choose One of the Following

1. Surrender Audit: List 5-7 major areas of your life (career, finances, relationships, time, ambitions, fears, etc.); Honestly assess: In which areas is Jesus truly Lord? In which is He just a "consultant"?; Choose one area to intentionally surrender to His lordship this week.
2. Obedience Exercise: Spend time in prayer asking God if there's something specific He's calling you to do; commit to doing it this week, even if it feels uncomfortable or foolish.
3. Pride Inventory: Journal about where pride shows up in your spiritual life; Identify one specific way pride is keeping you from deeper surrender to Christ.