

# Small Group Guide: The King Enters

## Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by inviting God's presence and asking Him to open hearts and minds to understand the significance of Jesus' triumphal entry.

## Introduction

This week, we're journeying through Holy Week, beginning with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As we explore John 12, we'll discover what it means that Jesus is our King and Deliverer.

## Key Takeaways

1. **Jesus entered Jerusalem as the promised King and Deliverer** - He fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, riding on a donkey as foretold in Zechariah.
2. **The Passover context is crucial** - Jesus entered during Passover, when people were remembering God's deliverance from Egypt, pointing to Jesus as the ultimate Passover Lamb.
3. **Jesus knew what was coming** - He willingly chose the path toward suffering, death, and resurrection, demonstrating intentional love for us.
4. **The crowd's expectations differed from Jesus' mission** - They expected a political deliverer; Jesus came to provide eternal deliverance through His sacrifice.

## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Text

1. What is the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem during the Passover celebration? How does this timing connect to His ultimate mission?
2. The crowd shouted "Hosanna," which means "save us." What were they hoping Jesus would save them from? What does Jesus actually save us from?
3. Why did Jesus choose to ride on a donkey rather than a warhorse? What does this tell us about the kind of King He is?

## **Application**

4. The people recognized Jesus as their deliverer and King. In what practical ways can we acknowledge Jesus as King in our everyday lives this week?

## **Closing Prayer**

Invite group members to pray:

- Thanking Jesus for willingly entering Jerusalem knowing what awaited Him
- Asking God to help us recognize Jesus as our true King and Deliverer
- Praying for open hearts as we continue through Holy Week together