



Bible study for the week starting April 2, 2023

SHARE

If you could live in any country other than the United States, where would you move and why (and if you can't think of one, thank God for the country in which you live)? What would appeal to you about being a citizen of that particular country?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Isaiah 50:4-9a**. This is the assigned Old Testament lectionary reading for Palm Sunday and is one of the “suffering servant” passages in Isaiah (**see also Isaiah 42:1-4, Isaiah 41:1-4, and Isaiah 52:13-53:12**). What insight does this passage (and the others) give to what’s about to happen this week?
2. Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. This would also be a good reading for Easter Sunday. These poetic verses follow the “state of humiliation” and the “state of exaltation” of Jesus, as does the Apostles’ Creed. What do we learn about Jesus’ humiliation that only adds to Jesus’ exaltation “in heaven and on earth and under the earth?”
3. Read **John 12:12-19**. Jesus is hailed as the king as He enters Jerusalem. Based on the Bible Project video (see link or QR code on next page), what you know from Scripture, and your own thoughts about royalty, what context does this give to their cries on Palm Sunday? What were they expecting, and why were they so excited?
4. The end of worship on Palm Sunday marks a shift into the somber tone of Holy Week. Spend some time reflecting on what happened each day, and join us in worship Thursday and Friday, so we don’t skip from one joyous event to the next without all the meaningful events in between.

PRAY

Jesus prayed for us even as He was preparing to be betrayed (**see John 17**). Pray for similar blessings for one another.



Is Jesus Your King?

John 12:12-19

April 2, 2023 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

<https://tinyurl.com/gospelkingdom>



“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the KING of Israel!” -John 12:13

Q: Is Jesus your King?

If Jesus is your King, that means:

1. You are under His AUTHORITY
2. You are a CITIZEN of His Kingdom
3. You are an AMBASSADOR of His message
4. You are a part of His REIGN

“His disciples did not UNDERSTAND these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they REMEMBERED that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him” (John 12:16).

Your LORD – your SAVIOR – your GOD – your KING!