

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## **Matthew 21-23: Clash of Kingdoms - Confronting Power, Pride, and Empty Worship**

**Sermon:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Date:** Sunday, May 24, 2026

1. *Read Matthew 21:1-5.* Jesus arrives in Jerusalem riding a donkey in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9. How does knowing that Jesus' mission was "pre-ordained by God from the foundation of the world" change how you trust Him with your own life?
2. In a world that equates kingship with power and control, how does Jesus' humility challenge our own desires for status or influence?
3. *Read Matthew 21:6-8.* Pastor Jared mentioned that a king riding on a donkey in battle would be slaughtered, which is exactly what Jesus came to do for us. How does viewing the Triumphal Entry as Jesus "riding into battle" against sin and death reframe your understanding of Palm Sunday?

4. Contrast the image of Jesus on a donkey (1st Coming) with the image of Jesus on a white warhorse in Revelation 19 (2nd Coming). How does holding both of these images in tension help us navigate current suffering while maintaining hope?
  
5. *Read Matthew 21:9-11.* Some in the crowds cheered on Sunday but cried "crucify him" on Friday because Jesus didn't meet their political expectations. In what ways might we be tempted to follow Jesus only for "what He can do for us" rather than for who He is?
  - What are some expectations we put on Jesus that he never promised?
  
6. Pastor Jared mentioned the lie of believing if we could just "fix one thing" everything would get better. In what way does Jesus offer a greater and better fix than purely circumstances? How does the eternal hope we have in Christ provide contentment in the midst of all our circumstances?
  
7. "Who is Jesus?" How would you answer that question for yourself? How would you answer that question if someone asked you?

