



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Who Do You Say I Am | Palm Sunday
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Core Scripture

- Gospel of Matthew 16:13–20
 - (Context: Palm Sunday — Triumphal Entry)
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Big Idea

Your confession of Jesus determines your commitment to Jesus.

Key Tension

There is a difference between:

- **Cultural recognition** of Jesus
- **Personal revelation** of Jesus

The crowd shouted “Hosanna,” but lacked true understanding. Peter had revelation—and it changed everything.

Teaching Points

1. Public Praise Isn’t Always Personal Conviction

The crowd celebrated Jesus as King—but many didn’t truly know Him.

- It’s easy to echo what others say about Jesus
- It’s harder to stand on your own revelation of Him

Reflection Question:

Where in my life am I borrowing faith instead of owning it?

2. Jesus Asks for Revelation, Not Repetition

Jesus didn't ask, "What are people saying?"—He asked, "*Who do YOU say I am?*"

- This is a personal question
- It requires spiritual clarity, not crowd consensus

Peter the Apostle received revelation from God—not culture.

Reflection Question:

Do I know Jesus for myself, or just through others?

3. Revelation Leads to Responsibility

Peter's declaration unlocked identity and assignment.

- "You are the Messiah" → "You are Peter..."
- When you see Jesus clearly, you begin to see yourself clearly

Reflection Question:

How has my view of Jesus shaped how I live?

4. Palm Sunday Is a Mirror

The same crowd that praised Him would later abandon Him.

- Emotional faith fades
- Rooted faith remains

Reflection Question:

Is my faith consistent, or circumstantial?

Application

This week (Holy Week), commit to:

- Spending intentional time with Jesus daily
 - Answering His question honestly
 - Aligning your life with your confession
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Group Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the crowd misunderstood Jesus?
2. What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Him?
3. When has your faith been influenced by others instead of rooted in truth?
4. What does it look like to surrender to Jesus as King in your daily life?
5. How would your life change if your confession fully matched your actions?

5-Day Devotional: “Answer The Question”

Day 1: The Question

Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 16:15

Jesus makes it personal: “*Who do YOU say I am?*”

Faith begins where general belief ends.

Reflection:

What is my honest answer to Jesus today?

Prayer:

Jesus, reveal Yourself to me personally—not just through what I’ve heard, but through what I experience with You.

Day 2: The Crowd vs. Conviction

Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 21:8–11

The crowd praised—but didn’t understand.

Public excitement doesn’t equal spiritual depth.

Reflection:

Where am I following Jesus emotionally but not deeply?

Prayer:

God, anchor my faith in truth, not trends.

Day 3: The Revelation

Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 16:16–17

Peter’s clarity came from God.

You cannot inherit revelation—you must receive it.

Reflection:

Am I seeking God for myself?

Prayer:

Father, open my eyes to see Jesus clearly.

Day 4: The Response

Scripture: Gospel of Luke 9:23

Following Jesus requires surrender.

Confession without commitment is incomplete.

Reflection:

What area of my life have I not surrendered?

Prayer:

Jesus, I don't just want to say You are King—I want to live like it.

Day 5: The Commitment

Scripture: Gospel of John 12:12–15

Palm branches were waved—but true kingship requires obedience.

Reflection:

Is Jesus my Savior only, or also my Lord?

Prayer:

Lord, align my life with my confession. Let my actions reflect who I say You are.