



February 25th 2018: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Opening

- What are some of your favorite Easter traditions?

Discussion

[Read Luke 19:28-48](#)

- Has there been a time in your life when God's provision came in an unexpected way?
- Have you ever not recognized God's provision?
- In what ways is the message of Jesus just as much a challenge to us today as it was to those people on the street shouting Hosanna?
- In what ways can we miss what Jesus is doing by cheering and celebrating Jesus for all the wrong reasons?
- We have a cultural system of values claiming our allegiance and demanding our attention (through materialism, sexual revolution, the American dream). How can these things tear us away from what God is doing?
- There are American distortions in the church and this American spirituality contains religious notions and values that can skew and distort our view of God and what he wants for our lives. What are some of these things and how can we make sure that what we are hearing lines up with what God is saying?
- What are some of the counter-cultural ways that Jesus started to usher in his kingdom? How does that contrast with the world's way of ushering in new kingdoms and governments?
- If God's plans for us are that we would look more like his son, that we would die to ourselves and live for Christ, and that our lives would put the power of the cross on display, then what are some of the ways those plans might be accomplished in our lives?

Final Application

- Many people didn't recognize that Jesus' death was God's provision. What current situations in your life could be a provision that you don't recognize?
- If the way of Jesus is the way of the cross, then what does that mean for your life right now? What are the hard things that God is calling you to do?