



Title: THE JESUS WE NEED—THE KING

Main Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

## Who is this Jesus? (vv 1-6)

(Zech 9:9-10, Lk 2:14, Jn 14:27)

## Who did people want Jesus to be? (vv 7-10)

(Lk 19:41-44)

*Do you worship the Jesus you want or the Jesus you need?*

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**Opening Prayer:** *Father, we thank You for all You have done for us. We pray in Jesus’ name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss. We pray You would protect our hearts and our minds as we enter into this conversation today.*

**Icebreaker:** When you think of the characteristics of a king, what are some of the first things that come to mind?

**Read the key passages of Scripture and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:**

1. What are some ways we can encourage one another in our small group to have the “full body, soul, and spirit attachment from us and to us” that Jesus desires?
2. Discuss some ways in which it was important that Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem was unlike any other kings’ triumphal entries?
3. Take an inward look at your life. Which version of Jesus have you been desiring and chasing after? Is it the warrior King version or is it the humble, gentle King version?
  - a. Have you truly received the humble King that Jesus is, into your life?
  - b. What are some steps you could take to receive this version of Jesus, wholly and fully, into your life?
4. Pastor Al says, “I believe there are times in everyone’s life where the Holy Spirit comes to visit each one of us - individually. Will we catch Him and welcome Him or miss Him?” Take a moment to discuss a time when you have felt the Holy Spirit visit you. If this has not yet happened for you, take a moment to discuss why this could be.
5. Pastor Al mentions a quote from author Parker Palmer discussing the “tragic gap.” “The ‘tragic gap’ - a gap between the way things are (difficult) and the way we want them to be (peaceful).”
  - a. What is the “tragic gap” in your life? In our small group?
  - b. How could you work to have a greater understanding of the difference between the way things are and the way we want them to be?
6. What do you really want in your walk with God?
  - a. Do you want the quick-fix Jesus or the Jesus who understands difficulties?
  - b. Do you have the Jesus you want or the Jesus you need?

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**Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.**

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme bring up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
3. What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

**Prayer:** *Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that you would each know and believe the truth about who Jesus is in your daily lives, even when outside forces may be causing you to question what you know is truth.*