

THE EXODUS WAY

Discussion Questions 3/29/26

The Wrong Exodus

Intro: On Palm Sunday, the crowd welcomed Jesus as the King who would bring a new Exodus, expecting deliverance from Rome and a victory like the one over Egypt. But Jesus wasn't bringing the kind of salvation they wanted—He came not to defeat their enemies, but to be consumed in order to defeat sin and bring true peace. In the end, they missed Him not because they lacked knowledge, but because they refused a Savior who didn't meet their expectations.

Story: When has God shown up in your life in an unexpected way?

Read: Luke 19:28-44

1. The crowd said things about Jesus that were true, but they still misunderstood him. How is it possible to be so close to Jesus and still misunderstand Him?
2. How have you experienced disappointment from God and why might that disappointment have been for your best?
3. Sometimes our idea of salvation also misses the mark. What does it mean for Jesus to be less concerned with our temporary comfort versus our long-term formation?
4. Read Psalm 118. What stands out to you about this psalm and why do you think the people would have sung it while Jesus entered the city?
5. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. What about our own religion might cause Jesus to weep?*

Pray:

- For deeper formation to be like Jesus
- For sanctification of the church
- For the quick return of Jesus to make all wrongs right

*Note to leaders: This is not an excuse to bash other expressions of Christianity or even religions, it's a moment to reflect on how we, as the church, are not the full expression of what Christ calls us to.