



Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What struck you most in this sermon?
- Jesus' command to the disciples to get a donkey was certainly counterintuitive for them and maybe confusing. Yet they obeyed. Was there a time in your life where obedience to Jesus didn't seem the best thing to do/ felt very counterintuitive? How did that work out for you?

- Jesus' entry into the city on a donkey signifies not that he has come to overthrow the roman occupation through military force, or to rule with an iron fist, but to carry the burdens of his people, as a donkey carries loads. What were the people anticipating the messiah to be like and where has he shown to be different? Where might Jesus' entry in humility challenge your idea of him? How is this good news?
- Read the cleansing of the temple in verses 6-17. How does this go along with Jesus' humble entry? Is he sometimes humble and sometimes harsh? Consider also verse 14. What kind of king is Jesus?

Pray for another and ponder the humility and righteousness of our Lord and king Jesus Christ.