

The King no one wanted but everyone needs – Luke 19:28-48 April 10, 2022

We join with Christians worldwide and celebrate Palm Sunday, Bob McCan takes us to Luke's description of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**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 factors stop you from being vocal about your love for the King?

- In v.48 Luke tells us that 'all the people were hanging on his words'. It's similar to the comment he makes earlier in the gospel, that Mary 'treasured up these things and pondered them in her heart'. Luke is clearly seeking to emphasise the role that dwelling on the word should have in a believer's life. Answering honestly, what role in your life does Christ's word play? What changes might be needed to make the word more central?
- What a glorious image of Christ! It's subtle, but wonderful: colts, stones, they
  all recognise who Jesus is! What does this tell you about Christ's identity?
  Why not spend time worshipping him as such.