

A APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. How does the passage challenge your beliefs or attitudes about Jesus' Kingship? How, like the crowds, are you operating your life out of false expectations of Jesus?
2. What is one area of your life you need to *trust* Jesus in, since He's the King over everything?
3. What is one area of your life you need to *obey* Jesus in, since He's the King whose ways are higher and better than ours?

REACH

Take time this week to write out your own story of life change in Jesus Christ. We recommend you do so by focusing on three parts:

- 1) **Your life before Christ** - (just enough to show your need for Christ)
- 2) **How you came to Christ** - (understanding the gospel and trusting in Jesus)
- 3) **Your life after Christ** - (the difference He has made and is making)

Share with your group and share with Pastor Ty: pastorty@southshores.org

PRAYER

Close by praying about this passage, thanking God about what was learned and seeking His transformation of our lives.

Behold Your King

Matthew 21:1-11

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GETTING STARTED

1. What holiday or celebration is the most anticipated in your family? What do you do to prepare for it?
2. Tell about a time when you built up big expectations for something, but then were let down.

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

SOMA

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S SOAK

Read **Matthew 21:1-11** three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. What did Jesus say was going to happen in Jerusalem? How does that shape how we'll read this passage? **See: Matthew 20:17-19**
2. Matthew wrote his gospel for a primarily Jewish audience. What in this passage would be meaningful to a Jewish reader?
3. Take some time to soak in these Old Testament scriptures that relate to our passage. Allow these to color what you observe and how you understand the crowd's and Jesus' perspectives of His entry.

Psalm 48:1-2 Psalm 118:25-26 Zechariah 9:9-11 Isaiah 62:10-12

O OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. Who are the main characters in this passage? How are they described?
2. What are the key words? Are there any words or ideas repeated?
3. Do you have any questions from the passage? Is there anything difficult to understand or something you'd like to ask the author about?

M MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. What does the passage teach you about the crowd's perceptions and expectations of Jesus? **See also: Matthew 19:27; 20:20-21**
2. What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is and what He came into the world to do?
3. How would you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?