

## #5 Read Matthew 26:1-11.

### **Matthew 21:6-11, NIV**

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Put yourself into this scene as someone in the crowd along the roadside.

What are you doing?

What do you see and hear?

What emotions are you feeling?

What are your expectations?

### BE VULNERABLE

#6 Pastor Daniel mentioned that Jesus is the King who offers God’s grace to everyone who *trusts* in him. What makes it difficult to trust *fully* in King Jesus? How can your Life Group help you grow in your trust of Jesus?

#7 Where is God extending his amazing grace in your life today? Or, asked differently, in what area of your life would you like God to extend his grace?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Commit to pray for at least 3 prayer requests from your Life Group)

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GRACE  
*all the way to*  
JESUS

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## GRACE FOUND DAVID

### The Triumphal Entry and the Son of David

- Jesus was not the sort of **king** the people of Israel were **expecting**.
- David doesn’t show us the **requirement** for receiving God’s grace, he shows us the proper **response** to it.
- Through David God built a **nation**, but through Jesus God builds a **kingdom**.

### Take Home Thoughts

- Jesus is the king who offers God’s grace to everyone who trusts in him.
- Where is God extending his grace in your life, today?

# LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of March 24, 2024

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## BE FRIENDLY

**#1** What is your earliest memory of Easter? What do you like most about Easter? What Easter traditions do you have?

**#2** Have you ever been horseback riding (or, maybe donkey riding)? How would you describe your experience? What happened? Where were you?

## BE OPEN

**#3** On Palm Sunday, we recount Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, at the beginning of the week leading up to his death and resurrection. Pastor Daniel reminded us that as Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, he wasn't the sort of king the people of Israel were expecting (See Matthew 21:1-11). Read the following passages about the growing expectations of a king in the Psalms and Prophets.

### ***Psalms 44:4-5, NIV***

<sup>4</sup> You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes.

### ***Psalms 96:10-13, NIV***

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. <sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. <sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

### ***Isaiah 40:10-11, NIV***

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

### ***Zechariah 9:9-11, NIV***

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle

bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit."

### ***Isaiah 52:7-10, NIV***

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

What common themes do you see in these verses?

How do these verses help to create an expectation for the sort of king the people thought should arrive to Jerusalem?

**#4** This weekend we saw that God's grace found David, and the Lord chose David to be king over Israel. Read the story below.

### ***1 Samuel 16:6-13, NIV***

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

What does this phrase mean? How does it reveal God's grace?

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."