



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of April 10, 2022

The Humble King

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

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- Jesus enters Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, and His disciples make preparations (1-7). **What might these disciples be thinking, feeling and expecting?**
 - What **different perceptions** does the festival crowd have of **Jesus** as He rides into Jerusalem (8-11)?
 - Matthew, the author of this Gospel, reflects on this incident and remembers (5) that the Old Testament **prophets looked for this day** ([Zechariah 9:9](#)). **Why is this connection important?**
 - Many who have reflected on this passage see contrasts between the humility of Jesus, His identity, and the limited vision of the crowd to truly understand Him. **Why did the Messiah need to be humble?**

- In the passage that follows today's text, Jesus causes a confusing disturbance in the Temple, and controversy ensues ([Matthew 21:12-27](#)). No one expected this. No one liked it. **Can you share a time when Jesus disrupted your life?**
- Remember that the One riding into Jerusalem and disrupting the people will be crucified. **He is the Passover Lamb, sacrificed for us. In His Cross.** Jesus destroys all of our self-righteousness, boasting, and striving. Instead, He loves, serves, and dies for His people when we had no idea what He was up to. **Can you share a time recently when you turned from self-righteousness, boasting & striving to trust Jesus?**
- **Repent and pray together** in light of this week's passage.

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