

Through the New Testament

A 90 day chronological reading plan



2/20-2/24

Discussion Guide

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus had been traveling all over Israel, helping people, doing miracles, and telling them about God's love. Now he was coming to the capitol, the most important city. This was something the Bible had been promising for hundreds of years. It was all finally coming together, and the people were very excited. Jesus didn't have any of the things kings normally have, He didn't even have His own donkey for this parade, He borrowed one. Jesus was fulfilling a prophecy given in Isaiah 62:11. He was supposed to ride on a little donkey. Jesus wasn't a normal king trying to show he was important and force everyone to serve him. Jesus was the opposite: He came to show love and serve the people. A big crowd was already showing up and covering the street with their coats and branches from the trees. Remember that they didn't have paved roads back then – the roads were dirt. They were showing their respect to Jesus by covering the road so that He wouldn't get dirty. They cheered for Jesus with words written in Psalms 118:25-26.

Israel had been waiting on a king for a long time, they didn't like being under the rule of the Romans and they wanted a ruler to come and fight for them. But Jesus wasn't an earthly king, He was not coming into Jerusalem to overtake the city, but to die and the hands of the people He created. We know that Jesus is the greatest king, and the only one that could take away our sin. Spend time in prayer thanking God for humbling Himself for us and dying to wash away our sins.