

Gentle and humble
For the week of March 17 – 23

Big Questions for the week: When and where are you tempted to make Jesus part of your 'team'? How does Jesus subvert you?

Day 1: John 12:9 – 19

Three questions to ponder:

- How does Jesus subvert the views of the crowd?
- How does Jesus subvert the views of the Jewish leadership?
- What does v.16 mean? How did their realization change?

Day 2: Matthew 21:1 – 11

Three questions to ponder:

- Matthew's interests are not in the crowd but elsewhere.
- What do you think Matthew's focus is in Jesus' entry?
- When have you participated in a crowd setting like this?
- What was it like? How did you reflect on it later?

Day 3: Psalm 118 and Zechariah 9:9 – 17

Three questions to ponder:

- Can we fault the crowds for their expectations of Jesus as Messiah given these passages?
- Where do you see people 'mis-using' Jesus today? In other words, how do people use Jesus to solidify their position?

Day 4: Revelation 7:9 – 17

Two questions to ponder:

- What connections are there between this text and the Palm Sunday text?
- How does this passage clarify what Jesus' entry was about? (consider what the crowds *want* in each text)

Day 5: 2 Samuel 6:12 – 19

Two question to ponder:

- What connections are there between this text and the Palm Sunday text?
- How are Jesus and David different kings?

Prayer: That we might allow King Jesus to define our agendas.