

The Triumphal Entry: A Donkey, a Crowd, The King, and Us

Zechariah 9:9-10; Mark 11:1-11

A donkey:

A crowd:

The King:

Our part in Palm Sunday:

Questions for reflection:

1. The crowd in Jerusalem understood well the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9-10. They saw Jesus as a King. How do you see and understand Jesus as king today? Make it personal! What does it look like for *you* to make Christ king in your life? Extra credit: Google Westminster Shorter Catechism question 26: How does Christ execute the office of king? Did your answer touch on the catechism's answer? Did you get new insight?
2. Hosanna is a word that comes from Hebrew to Greek and it means "to save; to rescue; to help." See Psalm 118:25. The crowd shouts "hosanna" with joy and in praise of Jesus. What has Jesus saved you from? Get personal! He has saved you from sin and death – but what else in your life has He rescued you from? Addiction? The idol of money? Pretending you can save yourself? What can you praise Jesus for today?
3. Take some time to prepare your hearts for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Remind yourself of the stories and take time to sit in them. Don't rush from Palm Sunday to Easter morning. For Maundy Thursday read Mark 14:12-25 and/or John chapter 13. For Good Friday read Mark 14:43-72 and chapter 15 or John chapters 18-19. These are likely familiar stories, look for new-to-you insights.
4. Take some time in prayer today, who could you invite to join you in church this Easter Sunday?