***CELEBRATE* THE SON OF GOD**

**Mark 11:1-10**

* **Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem reminds us how we should *Celebrate the Son of God* every day of our lives (Mark 11:1-10).**

***TO CELEBRATE JESUS IN OUR LIVES WE MUST:***

**AFFIRM HIM AS OUR RULER OF OUR LIVES**

* *“He sent two of his disciples 2 and told them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.’””* (Mark 11:2-3)
* **The Old Testament tells us that only animals that had not been used for ordinary purposes were appropriate for sacred events (Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3; 1 Samuel 6:7).**
* **This fulfillment of prophesy also affirmed Jesus’ royalty.**
* *“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* (Zechariah 9:9)

***TO CELEBRATE JESUS IN OUR LIVES WE MUST:***

**ACTIVATE OUR RESOURCES FOR HIS PURPOSES**

* *“They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”* (Mark 11:7-10)
* **The Lord isn’t asking *what* you have; He wants to know if you are willing to trust Him with it and use it for His glory.**
* **Question – *“What resources do I have that could be utilized to bring glory to the Lord?”***

***The Lord Has Blessed Us With:***

* **ABILITIES THAT COULD BE USED TO GLORIFY HIM**
  + **Our abilities haven’t been given to us to just help us make a living; they’ve also been given to us for ministry**.
* **POSSESSIONS THAT COULD BE USED TO GLORIFY HIM**
  + **We all have possessions and finances that should be used to honor the Lord.**
* **TESTIMONIES THAT COULD BE USED TO GLORIFY HIM**
  + **Every Christian has a “testimony” that can be used to honor the Lord and bring people into a relationship with Him.**

**CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION**

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. What does Mark 11:1-10 teach us about God/Jesus?
2. What is the period of Jesus’ life leading up to His death referred to as?
3. Why was it important that the colt (donkey) was one “which no one has ever sat”?

* What does Lordship mean when we speak about Jesus?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

* What are some specific ways we can demonstrate that Jesus is the “Ruler of our lives”?
* Why do so many people, including ourselves, struggle to submit to the complete Lordship of Christ in our lives?
* Is there a specific area in your life that you struggle to surrender to the Lordship of Christ? Explain. (Pause and pray for each other concerning these things.)
* What resources do you have that could be used for the Lord’s purposes and to bring Him glory?
* What abilities do you have that you could be using to advance God’s mission?
* What will you do differently as a result of this study?

**Loving Outward:**

* Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
* Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
* Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?