



Introduction

The Jewish nation (along w/ Roman security) is preparing for the forthcoming Passover celebration. Passover is a feast that celebrates the freedom which God brought to his people from their oppressor, Pharaoh. Ironically, Israel (and all the world) was not free, as they suffered under an even greater oppressor, sin, Satan and death. Mark 11 sets the stage for the True King to enter his glory by battling the true enemy and defeating it. Jesus' redefinition of what true kingship looks like (Mark 10:35-45) will come to it's full shocking climax once he is seen high and lifted up on a Roman cross.

Observation/Interpretation

- What is the significance of Jesus riding a donkey?
- Mark 11:8 says that many people laid their coats and placed palm branches on the ground for Jesus to walk on. Why do you think they did this? What were they communicating in their 'actions' by doing this?
- Read Mark 11:9 and Psalm 118:25-26 side by side. What do you think the crowds meant by shouting, "Hosanna"?

Application

What areas in your life is God calling you to lay at his feet, as a sign of your humble submission to him as King?

Prayer

Pray that God would give you the courage and strength to humbly submit your life to his good kingdom.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

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These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.