

Palm Sunday

John 12:12-25
March 27 & 28, 2010



Start It

(10 Minutes)

1. What is your favorite holiday? Why?
2. In what ways have you see God working in your life recently?



Share It

(10 Minutes)

1. How is the cross like Independence Day?
2. If someone were ask you to explain why Jesus had to die on a cross, what would you say? What questions do you think they would ask as a follow up to your answer? What personal examples might you give to back up your answers?



Study It

(35 Minutes)

1. In what ways did the Holy Spirit speak to you during Jim's sermon?
2. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The cheering welcome and praise which Jesus received as He entered Jerusalem was rooted only in the people's misunderstanding of what kind of king He truly was, and this was proven by the way the crowds turned against Him later in the week."
3. Notice what John says in verse 16 about the disciples' understanding of the events in this chapter. What do you think are the main reasons why they did not understand until later?
4. In what ways are we tempted to misunderstand Jesus? In what ways do we seek a political, militaristic King Jesus? How does King Jesus use His power?
5. If Jesus response to the powers of His day was to submit to the cross, how might our submitting to a cross bring independence to ourselves, and others?
6. Jim said that we have to make a decision about Jesus. It's not just whether we believe in Him or not, it's who we're going to let Him be." What does that decision look like for you?
7. Examine closely the words Jesus spoke in verse 24. Does this statement mean that undergoing death was the only way Jesus could multiply His life into the lives of others?



Live It

(10 Minutes)

1. Jesus invites us to take up the cross daily and follow Him? In light of this week's study what might this look like this next week for you?
2. Who is someone you might invite to Easter services this week?
Close in prayer, praying for the services and the persons that have been named.