

Discussion Guide

The Difference A Day Makes

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Who Is Jesus To You?

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Main Idea

Palm Sunday reminds us we need a Savior. In week one of our series, The Difference A Day Makes, Pastor Daniel shares the importance of the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem. We can not accomplish the work of the cross on our own. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection really did change everything. It's because of Jesus that our life leaves an echo of love, joy, peace, and patience.

Luke 19:30-31 (NLT)

"Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Additional Scriptures: Matthew 21:9-11, Luke 19:39-40

Jesus Referred To Himself As "The Lord"

This is the first time He ever referred to Himself like this. It was a defining proclamation of His divinity. What does it mean to identify Jesus as The Lord? How has that changed your perspective of who He is?

Jesus Fulfilled An Ancient Prophecy by Riding Into Jerusalem On A Donkey

Bible scholars suggest that there are over 300 prophecies about Jesus and He fulfilled them all. This was the only time he ever rode on an animal. He walked everywhere. He

was making a statement that He was the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Savior of all mankind. How is He revealing His presence in your life?

Addition Scripture: Psalm 22:16-18, Zechariah 9:9,

Throwing Cloaks in the Path of Someone Was An Act of Honor and Submission

They recognized that Jesus was the promised Messiah but unfortunately not with the right motives or heart. What is your motive for wanting to celebrate Jesus?

The People Cried ‘Hosanna’

The definition of Hosanna means “save now,” “Rescue.” Instead of looking for the Messiah as anointed one to bring healing and hope, they were looking for a military Messiah to overthrow the Romans and restore their independence. One day shouting Hosanna, and the next screaming crucify him. Who is Jesus to you?

Addition Scripture: Psalm 118:25-26

SUMMARY

Even though it may feel like the weight of life is trying to cave in around you, I’ve got great news on this Palm Sunday 2023. The same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem is the same Jesus who will show up and restore and heal and deliver you and your family today. Today our challenge is to define who Jesus is to me.

CALL TO ACTION

His death, burial, and resurrection really did change everything. The price that He paid gives us freedom and an abundant life.

1. Decide right now who Jesus is to you. Maybe He has been your miracle in the moment Jesus, quick stop convenience Jesus, or gold chain Jesus in the past. Who is Jesus to you TODAY?

2. Take a moment on Friday and don't just dismiss it as another day of the week but pause and thank him for the price that he ultimately paid for our lives even though we didn't deserve it.
3. Statistically 82% of unchurched people said that they would come to an Easter service if they were just simply invited. Yet only 2% of church attenders invite an unchurched person to church. Who will you invite to come to church with you on Easter Sunday? Make some calls or texts today.

Group Leader Resource

Game: Most Unique

This icebreaker works the same way as Two Truths and a Lie, but it takes less time and can be used to get a meeting started. Go around the room, and ask each participant to share something about themselves that they believe makes them different or most unique from everyone else in the room. You can provide an example to help get everyone started, such as "I have 9 siblings" or "I have never left my home state." This activity encourages openness and celebrates individuality among the group.