

## Discussion Guide

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# More Than Tradition

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### Main Idea

We have to remember our “WHY.” Palm Sunday is a tradition because of the history and purpose that it holds. It's Jesus' Journey to the Cross His last week of His life on earth. Palm Sunday is the start of Jesus' journey to our redemption.

### Anchor Verse:

“When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Mark 11:7-10).

Read also Zachariah 9:9, Luke 19:30-31

### The Donkey

The donkey teaches us humility. Jesus chose to reveal himself in humility.

Read Matthew 23:12, 20:28, Romans 12:10, Philippians 2:3

How do we choose humility in our Christian walk?

### The Cloak

A cloak was the most valuable and useful piece of a person's clothing. It was costly and demonstrated status and authority. The cloak teaches us to surrender.

Read Mark 11:8, Proverbs 23:26, 1 Peter 5:6-7

Surrender means to give up control. What have you not surrendered to God?

### **The Palm**

Palm branches historically symbolize goodness & victory. He didn't have to prove His worth. Our victory is in His presence.

Read Revelation 7:9-10, Psalms 16:11

Where do you recognize His presence in your life? In what part of your life do you need to invite His presence?

### **The Praise**

This was a day of celebration. They were tired of being ruled by the Romans and were relieved that the prophecy of the Messiah was being fulfilled. Praise teaches us gratitude, and gratitude reminds us that God's plans are good.

Read Proverbs 19:21, Psalm 28:7

How do you typically respond when HIS plans differ from your expectations? What areas of your life are you doubting God's plan?

## **SUMMARY**

Jesus came in humility and the people declared, "Hosanna," which means "save me." A few days later those same people yelled "Crucify Him." What often takes people from one response to another like that, is unmet expectations. If we remember the WHY behind Jesus' journey to the cross, we can keep praising and creating a tradition of celebrating His promises. Choose humility, surrender, honor his presence, and be grateful for all that he has done for us.

## **CALL TO ACTION**

1. Consider creating a family tradition that will help you to remember and celebrate the WHY of Jesus' journey to the cross.

2. Consider how you can demonstrate God's presence to those in your family, at work, at school, and in your community. Step out in faith and make His story known.
3. Invite THREE people to the [Easter](#) services on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

## GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

### **Game: Easter Egg Dare**

Write fun or goofy family-friendly activities on slips of paper and put them inside Easter eggs (think "hop like a bunny" or "eat a Peep"). Each player takes a turn grabbing an egg and doing what the activity says. Make it more fun by using a spinner to randomize who grabs an egg.