

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 11:1-11

FOLLOWING A SURE WINNER

As He entered Jerusalem, Jesus made a very public statement about His identity. As we follow Him, we can be confident that we are following a sure winner.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 11:1-11 and Zechariah 9:9. Why did Jesus ride a donkey into Jerusalem? What statement was He making about Himself by doing so?

Why were the people shouting “Hosanna!” as Jesus passed by? What does this word mean?

Earlier in the Gospels, Jesus was somewhat secretive about His identity as the Messiah and King. Why is He now being public about His true identity?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Have you ever put your hope in something that turned out to be a disappointment? If so, describe the experience.

Based on this week's passage, why can we be confident that Jesus will never ultimately disappoint us? What is it about Jesus that merits our trust and confidence?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What is our appropriate response to Jesus' Kingship? In what ways should that reality affect our heart attitudes, our worship and our actions?

How can you offer your resources, including your time, talents and treasures, to Jesus to use for His glory? Can you think of any practical ways you can do this?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you respond to Jesus our Messiah and King this week?