

Spring Break

“ How to Protect Against the Palm Sunday Problem ”

1. Make Obedience Your Default vv. 29-35

2. Keep Your Feelings In Check vv. 36-38

3. Monitor Your Motives vv. 39-40



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Luke 19:29-35. Given the setting was Passover, why did Jesus have two of His disciples fetch a colt?
- How might they have been confused/concerned? How did they apply Point #1? How can this also protect you?

Point #2

- Read Luke 19:36-38. Describe the crowd's emotion on Palm Sunday. Why did it change by Friday?
- How does this highlight Point #2? In what way is this a warning to all Christians? How does this challenge you?

Point #3

- Read Luke 19:39-40. Why were the Pharisees uncomfortable with the Palm Sunday crowd's excitement?
- How does Point #3 relate? How can this be a Christian problem today? What is the solution? How does this help you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Luke 19:29-35, Matthew 28:20a, John 15:5-11

- Based on what you know, describe what changed in Jerusalem during Passover. (Population, emotions, etc.)
- Why did Jesus ask His disciples to fetch a colt? How might this have been confusing/concerning to the disciples?
- What was their response? In what way could they have caused problems? What does this teach about obedience?

TUESDAY // Read Luke 19:36-38, Mark 11:1-10, Zechariah 9:9, Mark 15:12

- Describe the emotion of the crowd when Jesus came riding in on a colt. Why was this a big deal?
- Why did the emotion of the crowd change on Friday? (i.e., crucify him) Be specific.
- In what way is this a warning to all Christians today? How can you protect yourself against this trap?

WEDNESDAY // Read Luke 19:37-38, Galatians 5:16-26

- Compare and contrast the fruit of the flesh with the fruit of the spirit. How much of flesh is emotion based?
- What does this imply about spiritual protection? Why is this important to understand with other Christians?
- How is the Palm Sunday crowd an emotional warning to you? What steps of protection do you need to take?

THURSDAY // Read Luke 19:37-38, Mark 15:12, 14:26-31, 43-50, 66-71

- What similarities do you see between the emotions of the Palm Sunday crowd to the emotions of Peter?
- Why did Peter's confidence fall apart when challenged by a servant girl in Mark 11:66-67? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about the power of emotions and self-preservation? How does this challenge you?

FRIDAY // Read Luke 19:39-40, Mark 11:1-19

- Why were the Pharisees uncomfortable with the excitement of the Palm Sunday celebration? (i.e., their agenda)
- In what way did they try to shut it down? Why was this ironic given their opinion of Jesus?
- What does this imply about knowing yourself for spiritual protection? How does this apply to you?

SATURDAY // Read Luke 19:39-40, Jeremiah 17:9-10, Proverbs 28:26, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- In what way does scripture highlight you should not trust yourself? Why is this important for spiritual growth?
- How much do you rely on your own wisdom to make daily decisions? How does this put you at risk?
- How does obedience provide protection? What are some practical steps you can take today to reduce your risk?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:9-11