

Community Group Questions for March 29, 2026

“Who Is This?” based on Matthew 21: 1-11. Ray Witbeck

Ice Breaker Questions

- What is a memorable parade you attended? Why did you attend and what was it like?
- Have you ever participated in a march for a cause? Why did you do that and what was it like?

Interpretative Questions

- If time permits, read and compare one of the other “Palm Sunday” passages (Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19: 28-44; John 12:12-19).
- Why did Jesus send his disciples ahead into the village? What is the significance of the donkey and colt? Where in the Old Testament does that come from?
- Why did people throw down cloaks and branches?
- What is the significance of what the crowds shouted? Where in the Old Testament does that come from?
- How is it that the whole city was stirred up, and why did they not know who Jesus was?

Formative Questions

- When you think about the crowd that day when Jesus arrived during Passover week, do you think you would have participated? Just observed from a distance? Would’ve asked “who is this?”
- Why do our emotions matter, and when do they get in the way of our obedience to God? Can you share a personal example?
- Ray suggested that throwing off cloaks was a model of revealing ourselves, and the cutting and throwing of branches was a model of giving of our greatest hopes and expectations. Which is harder for you and why?
- What might be something you are willing to share with the group about your true self?
- What is something you are willing to “cut” from what you have otherwise thought was yours and yours alone? What keeps you from doing so?

Simple Practice for the Community Group

- Memorize together what was shouted in verse 9 until all have learned it. Then try shouting it in a way you think might’ve been done that day when Jesus came to Jerusalem.