

“The Edge” Wednesday, March 10, 2010
The Triumphal Entry

Read [Matthew 21:1-11](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. Jesus’ “triumphal entry” into Jerusalem is extremely important by every measure that can be applied to it. Historically, it marked a very significant point in Jesus’ life and ministry. From that point on there was no turning back from the destiny God had prepared for him in Jerusalem. Discuss why Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt from a donkey? (see [Zechariah 9:9](#))
2. The masses lined the streets as Jesus came into town. On Palm Sunday leafy palm branches were spread before him and there were shouts of Hosanna. In shouting Hosanna they were in effect saying “Save us now” Jesus. But the cheering did not last for long. In five days it all fell apart. How did the shouts of Hosanna on Sunday transform into the shouts of crucify him on Friday? Why did the cheering stop? Why did the masses so radically turn against him? Spend some time considering these things and then discuss it with one another.
3. In verse 11 the crowds called Jesus a prophet. Discuss the significance of this statement.

Read [Luke 19:39-44](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. What caused the anger of the Pharisees in verse 39? Talk about if you feel there is a lack of praise in your life? What can you do to see to it that God receives appropriate praise?
2. The crowds were cheering and shouting praises to Jesus, but in verse 41 we see His response. We can almost picture that the closer Jesus gets to the city the harder He cries. Why does Jesus respond this way?

Read [Luke 19:45-48](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think Jesus “cleansed” the temple? If Jesus were to walk into your life today, would there be things that you think He would need to “drive out?” If so, ask God to help you have the wisdom to change those things now.
2. Discuss the following, Have you ever knowing who Jesus is, adjust or not adjust your life to follow Him?
3. We see that Jesus is clearly angry in verses 45 and 46. Are there times when it is okay to be angry? When?
4. God is always at work in our lives. He wants to reveal Himself to you, but you have to see it. Spend some time in prayer praising God for His everlasting love for you. Ask Him to open your eyes and heart to see His mighty works in your life every day.

For further discussion topics on this subject read the following:

- [Isaiah 53](#)
- [John 2:13-22](#)