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KING

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WELCOME:

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Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member the first thing that comes to mind when they hear of Jesus Christ as king. Why do they associate this with Jesus being king?

WORSHIP:

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Our God

Suggested song:

[Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will realize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the scriptures.
2. GG members will trust in Jesus alone for their salvation from sin and death.

INTRODUCTION

In this passage, we see Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people were ecstatic, shouting that Jesus was the King of Israel. Little did they know that a few days later, Jesus would be seemingly defeated by the Jewish leaders when he would be crucified. Three days later, Christ would gain victory over his conspirators and over sin and death through his resurrection from the grave.

Jesus fulfilled Messianic prophecy (vv. 12-16)

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people were celebrating and shouting, calling him the King of Israel. While what they proclaimed was true, they, including the disciples, had a different picture of Christ as the King of Israel.

1. What were the people shouting as Jesus was going into Jerusalem?
How was this a fulfillment of scripture? (cf. Psalm 118:25-26 - "Hosanna" is a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase "Save us!")
2. On this day, many Jews declared Jesus their king, but a few days after this, what would the Jewish leaders say regarding their king? (cf. John 19:15) Why do you think John made this contrast?
3. How did Jesus riding a donkey fulfill scripture prophecy? (cf. Zechariah 9:9) What did the donkey symbolize, and what did the prophecy say about the Messiah? (cf. Zechariah 9:10-11)
4. When did Christ's disciples realize that Jesus fulfilled these prophecies? (cf. Luke 24:25-26)

Application

Scriptures are God's Word. Jesus declared that he came to fulfill scriptures (Matthew 5:17-18). How have you experienced Jesus fulfilling God's promise in scriptures in your life?

The people testified to Christ's miraculous works (vv. 17-19)

The crowd who witnessed Jesus' most recent miracle, the raising of Lazarus from the grave, spread the word of his miraculous work. Their witness brought even more crowds to Jesus. The Pharisees were frustrated and jealous of Christ's fame and sought his death.

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WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

1. What did the crowds testify about Jesus? (cf. John 11:38-44) What did their testimony reveal about him? (cf. John 11:25-26)
2. How did the Pharisees react to the celebration of Jesus' coming to Jerusalem?
3. What did the Pharisees plan to do to Jesus, and how did they unknowingly fulfill God's plans? (cf. Matthew 27:17-18; John 12:23-24)

Application

Jesus gives life and saves people from sin and death. Ironically, the one who gives victory over death had to succumb to it to achieve that victory. Have you accepted the victory that Christ offers? If not, what is keeping you from doing so?

PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son to die for my sins so that I may be saved from sin and death. I know I cannot hope to earn this salvation by myself. It is only by your grace. I accept what Jesus did on the cross for my sins. Because he gave of his life to redeem mine, I acknowledge that my life now belongs to you. Use my life to declare the good news of your salvation to other people and teach them all that you have commanded us to do. This I pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen. ■



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