

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## Before & After: Palm Sunday

APRIL 12 & 13, 2014

This week we remember Holy Week – the time bookended by the triumphal entry and the resurrection. The week begins on a high note as Jesus enters Jerusalem near the time of Passover. As he enters, crowds surround Jesus, waving palms and crying out “Hosanna”. Their high hopes for Jesus stand in stark contrast to the betrayal, arrest and the crucifixion that concludes the week on Friday. Still, from the humility of the Cross, God’s power is revealed in full.

## WITH THE GROUP



### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

If you had the opportunity to be a witness during any event in Christ’s life, which would you choose?



### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Read Zechariah 9:9-10. What is the significance of the donkey during the Triumphal Entry? How is it tied to the Messianic prophecy in Zechariah 9?

Besides the Triumphal Entry and the Resurrection, discuss some other important events of Holy Week.



### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon / drama for you?

Why was it significant that “Holy Week” overlapped the Passover in Jerusalem? (consider Genesis 3:15, Genesis 22:8-14, Exodus 12:21-27) What is shown about God from the overlap?



### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Which do you think should have more influence in how Christians live: Jesus as the Great Teacher OR Jesus as the Passover Lamb? What difference do these make in how Christians live?

Jesus was a polarizing figure. Among some, he was quite popular, while others wanted to kill him. Do you think trying to live like Jesus today will have the same result? Should it?

## ON YOUR OWN



### PRACTICING

Dedicate time to participate in the Holy Week services at Christ Church this week. Also read the conclusion of John’s gospel this week. (John 11:45 through John 21:25).



### PRAYING

God, I thank you that you supply all my needs. You supply my needs each day, but more importantly, you have provided a way out from the weight of sin and demonstrated your love for me.



### MEMORIZING

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:38)