

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Palm Sunday: The Lord Needs It

Mark 11:1-11

April 13, 2025



Welcome & Prayer. Ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help participants see how they can respond when Jesus calls them to trust and obey.

Introduction. Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus is King and His kingdom often comes in unexpected ways. He rode into Jerusalem not on a warhorse but on a donkey. That short ride revealed profound truths about Jesus' identity, our role in His mission, and our trust in God's ownership of everything in our lives.

Opening Prompt. Share a time when you felt prompted to do something small or unusual for God—something that didn't make sense at the moment but later revealed God's purpose.

Scripture Reading. Read Mark 11:1-11 aloud as a group.

Discussion Questions.

1. Why do you think Jesus included the phrase, "The Lord needs it"? What does it reveal about His authority and ownership?
2. Have you ever sensed God asking for something in your life—your time, talent, treasure, territory, trust? How did you respond? What made that moment difficult or easy?
3. What did the crowd expect Jesus to do as their "Messiah"?
4. How do our expectations of Jesus sometimes differ from His actual mission?
5. In what ways does Jesus reveal Himself as King in this story?

6. What's significant about His choice to ride a donkey instead of a horse? Read Zechariah 9:9. Why is this prophecy important?
7. The sermon mentioned the phrase: "Obedience opens the door to transformation." How have you experienced this in your walk with Christ?
8. Where might Jesus call you to obey—even if it doesn't make sense?
9. The sermon challenged us to consider our "ONE"—the person we're praying for and inviting to know Jesus. Who is your ONE? What next step can you take to pray, care, or invite them this week?
10. Reflect on Deuteronomy 8:17-18. How does understanding that God owns everything change your thoughts about your time, talent, and treasure?

Application & Action Steps.

- Write down something God may be asking from you right now. Pray for the courage to say, "Yes, Lord, you can have it."
- Consider one area of your life where you've hesitated to trust God fully. Commit it to Him this week.
- Identify your ONE, and write their name on a card or in your Bible. Ask God for opportunities to share His love with them before Easter Sunday.

Closing Prayer. Pray that everyone would recognize Jesus as King, trust Him as Lord, and say yes when He calls. Ask God to open hearts in your group and among those who don't yet know Him.

Further Reading.

- Luke 19:28-44 (another Palm Sunday account)
- Philippians 2:5-11 (the humility and exaltation of Jesus)

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