



Palm Sunday: The Tears of a Revolutionary

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Life Group Discussion

Encouragement: If you grew up in a different church, what has been your experience with Palm Sunday? What are you doing in this season to prepare for Easter?

Scripture:

Read [Luke 19:28-44](#); [Zechariah 9:9](#); [Matthew 23:34-35](#)

- After reading those passages and reflecting on Derek's sermon, what sticks out to you about what's happening on Palm Sunday?
- What does Jesus do to prove that he knows where things are going? (hint: he fulfills predictions and quotes a conversation before it happens)
- Why is Jesus weeping over Jerusalem?
- What are the Jewish people hoping for in Jesus and what are they missing? (watch the first 2 minutes of <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/gospel-luke-4/> for an idea)
- What are you hoping for in Jesus or what are you missing that isn't in line with who he actually is?

Next Steps:

- What is an area of your life that you are not willing to bring under the "wing" of Jesus?
- Who are you inviting to Easter?

Prayer:

- Take a moment of silent prayer to reflect on the first Next Steps question and to bring those things to Jesus.
- Pray for those whom your group will be inviting to Easter by name. Pray for open hearts and minds to hear the good news about Jesus and how he can give them a new life.



Easter Sunday: The Possibility of a New Life

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March 31, 2024

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement: What is one word that describes your life right now? Where are you at with God?

Scripture:

Read [John 19:38-42](#); [John 20:1-18](#); [Matthew 17:20](#); [Colossians 3:1-5](#)

- What impacted you from Derek's sermon about the resurrection?
- How do we see characters in the resurrection story come out of hiding? See also [Acts 2:4-13](#).
- How do we see faith displayed by the characters in the Easter story? How does just a little bit of faith in Jesus have the opportunity to change everything?
- If Jesus was able to go from dead to alive, nothing is too broken for him to fix. What are some broken things in your life that you hope to see him fix with you?
- How can you "put to death" the things in your life that are preventing you from experiencing Jesus' resurrection in your own life?

Next Steps:

- How are you going to respond to Jesus in light of the resurrection?

Prayer:

- Break into pairs and pray [Colossians 3:1-5](#) over each other and for others in your lives to experience new life in Jesus.