

THE HOME SHEET

CHECK IN

How was your Holy week? Which gatherings did you attend and what was your takeaway?

TOPIC WHAT IN THE NAME OF GOD?

COMING UP

4/18 Red Stick Farmers Market
9:30 AM | Downtown

4/19 Community Gathering
5 PM | BR Youth Coalition

4/24 Craft Group
7 PM | 655 Riveroaks Drive

CHALLENGE

When you see brokenness in the news, your community, or your own life, pause and pray "Hosanna—save us, Jesus." Keep a journal of these prayers and watch for how God responds.

CLOSE OUT YOUR MEETING WITH PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER

SCRIPTURE:

MATTHEW 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

DISCUSSION

How does the image of Jesus riding on a donkey rather than a war horse challenge our cultural assumptions about power and leadership?

In what ways have you seen God's name misused to justify harm, and how does the example of Jesus provide a corrective to these distortions?

The sermon describes cynicism as disappointed hope. How might recognizing this help us reconnect with our deeper longings for God to save and restore?

If Jesus is the clearest picture of what God is like, which specific actions or teachings of Jesus most profoundly reveal God's character to you?

How does understanding that God confronts enemies with self-giving love rather than domination change the way we approach conflict and opposition?