

Palm Sunday

Community Group Discussion Guide

March 29, 2015

I Need a Hero
John 12:12-19

Introduction

Palm Sunday begins holy week with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He was met with celebrations of joyful praise to God—"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" However, those shouts of worship would turn to shouts of hatred within just a few days—"Crucify him!" Jesus had not come to be crowned in royalty and prestige, but with a crown of thorns. He came to suffer in our place. Through his suffering, he not only rescued us from our sin, but he rescued us *for worship*. We are made to worship, but sin has disabled us from doing what is most basic to our humanity. Jesus' work as our *true Hero* has restored our capacity to love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Questions for Study

1. What are a few practical ways we can be preparing for Easter this coming weekend?
2. **Read John 12:12-19.** As you read, record 3-4 observations. What stood out to you the most? Discuss these things first.
3. What were the 3 questions (the 3 main points) given for this passage that we need to consider for Palm Sunday and as we prepare to celebrate our risen Savior?
4. Who are some modern real-life heroes of our day? Name any that come to mind.
5. What are the characteristics that make someone a hero? What are a few of the things that make Jesus the one and only "True Hero"?
6. In the end, what did Jesus accomplish coming on a donkey's colt (in lowness & weakness) that he couldn't have accomplished coming on a stallion as a militant leader fighting physical battles?
7. When Jesus comes back again, everything will spring to life.... the palm branches will wave and sing and clap their hands (Isaiah 55:12). What does this picture of the future do in your heart?
8. What can Jesus' 'true heroism' do in us? What are some practical ways we can apply this—given we've made Jesus our true hero?