

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Transforming Kingship

John 12:12-28

Small Group Questions

- 1. Share a time in your life when you had expectations that were not met. What happened when you realized that expectations would not be met? What was challenging about the situation and what did you learn through it?**
- 2. Read John 12:12-13. What are the crowd's expectations of Jesus when they welcome him into Jerusalem? What kind of king do they seem to be looking for?**
- 3. Read John 12:14-15. How does Jesus respond to the expectations of the crowd? How does his response transform our ideas of what it means for Jesus to be God's Messiah/King?**
- 4. In John 12:23, Jesus says, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." What hour is he talking about? How does he immediately redefine "glory" in verses 24–26? How does this transformation of glory and kingship inform and transform our lives?**
- 5. Read John 12:16-22 and notice the different responses to Jesus' actions. How do the following groups respond to Jesus?**
His disciples:
The crowd:
The Pharisees:
"Some Greeks":
- 6. If you were to use your imagination and place yourself in the story watching the events unfold, where would you be in the story? What group might you be part of and why?**

Closing Prayer

Close in a time of prayer focused on:

- Trusting Jesus, especially when the gap between our expectations and his reality gets exposed.
- Surrendering our expectations, yielding to his will and his ways.
- Welcoming Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to form us in the way of his self-giving live.
- Asking Holy Spirit to renew us for worship and witness that is in line with the transformed kingship of Jesus.
- Leading us into holy week with eyes open to see the glory of Jesus' cross and resurrection.