

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 10th April 2022
Sermon Title: Eyewitnesses: humility
Bible Passage: Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Introduction

Take time to read the passage from a couple of different translations and the stories of the Triumphal Entry from the other gospels.

- Who are the people you follow on social media? Why them?
- If you could meet one of the people you follow, who would it be and why?
- Have you ever been a part of a big procession / parade? What was this like?

Recapping the Preach

Stu told the story from the perspective of a teenage onlooker called Benaiah (fictional). He described the messianic hopes of the people at the time and how Passover would stir these up.

- What do you know about the Passover celebration? What were the people remembering?
- Do you think it is significant that Jesus entered Jerusalem at Passover?
- What is the significance of the Zechariah 9:9 passage?

Stu then focused on the crowds and the songs they were singing. He suggested that perhaps there were people following Jesus for different reasons.

- What were the things that the people were singing (look up the Old Testament references)?
- What do these songs mean?
- What do these songs tell us about what the people expected from Jesus?
- What does this story teach us about the character of Jesus?

Stu suggested that the whole story asks the question: will I follow this humble king? And then more importantly: am I following this humble king? In other words am I allowing Jesus humility to influence my life?

- What do you think it means to follow Jesus?
- How would you describe humility?
- Look up Micah 6:8 mean? What would it look like if you lived this out on your frontline?
- What promises does God make towards those who live humbly (Psalm 147:6, Proverbs 3:34, 1 Peter 6:6)?
- Read James 4:10 - what do you think this means ([follow this link for further reading](#))?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- What might living with humility look like in your singleness, marriage, parenting or on your frontline?

Prayer pointers

- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>

- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>