

Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: 7 Questions That Jesus Asked “Haven’t You Read The Scriptures?”

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All four gospels tell of when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey during the Passover festival, fulfilling the prophecy found in Zechariah 9:9. A large crowd had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover, and when they heard that Jesus was approaching, they went out to meet him. They spread their cloaks on the road and cut branches from palm trees to lay down as a carpet for Jesus, a gesture of honor and homage reserved for royalty. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, the crowd praised him, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Luke 19:37

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. How are your 2024 new year resolutions going?
2. Have you ever made an online purchase only to find that the item you received didn't quite match what was advertised?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Mark 7:6 together. How does Jesus calling the Pharisees “hypocrites” relate to Matthew 21:14-16, where Jesus asks the Pharisees, “haven't you read the scriptures?”
2. Are you currently going through a challenge in which Jesus would respond, “Haven't you read the scriptures?” What does the bible say about your predicament?
3. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 together. Have you ever experienced a situation where things didn’t work out as you had anticipated, but looking back you realize that God’s thoughts were greater than your own?

TAKING IT HOME

Choosing to embrace the Bible as the ultimate authority in your life brings guidance for any decision or life situation that might be uncertain. Let the Word of God be your compass, illuminating your path with clarity and direction. Trust in its teachings to shape your decisions and guide your steps. Through the Bible, you gain insight into the character of God and the depth of His love for you. Embrace its truths with an open heart, for in doing so, you'll experience transformation, strength, and the unwavering assurance of God's presence in every aspect of your life.

PRAYER TIME

During your closing prayer, ask the Lord to give you perspective on the importance of Holy week and His sacrifice for us on the cross.

ACTION STEPS

This week, take time to read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life during holy week (Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21).