

April 5 Discussion Questions

“The King of Peace”

John 12:1-16

Review

Why only Jesus can give you Peace:

1. He is the **Sufficient** Sacrifice (v. 3,7)
 - So you can trust Him with your **Sin** (v. 8; Heb. 9:26)
2. He is the Defeater of **Death** (v. 9-10)
 - So you can trust Him with your **Death** (1 Cor. 15:54-57)
3. He is the King who **Saves** (v. 12-15)
 - So you can trust Him with your **Eternity** (v. 36, 47)
4. He is the King of **All** (v. 19-23,32)
 - So you can trust Him with your **Loved ones** (Acts 4:12)

“While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” John 12:36

Connect

1. Describe what for you would be the perfect day of peace. Why are these types of days so difficult to experience?
2. Is it ironic that peace is often fought for in wars? Explain. In what way is this reality expressed in Jesus’ mission?

Read John 12:1-16

Discuss

3. Jesus came to Jerusalem to accomplish our peace. What does it mean to have peace with God?
4. What is the symbolism behind Mary’s elaborate anointing of Jesus with ointment? What does it communicate about His identity and mission?
5. In what way is Mary’s anointing of Jesus an act of worship? Is our worship meant to be costly? Why?
6. What was happening as a result of Lazarus’ resurrection? Why was this unsettling for the religious leaders?

7. Jesus was praised upon His entry into Jerusalem, but just a week later the crowds demanded He be crucified. What does this communicate about the nature of our hearts and our need for a savior?

Apply

8. What makes it difficult for you to experience peace?
9. How does our vertical peace with Jesus inform and influence our horizontal peace with the world?
10. Mary's sacrifice was costly. What costly act of worship (big or small) might God be calling you to make?
11. Many people came to faith in Jesus because of Lazarus' resurrection. What example of God's work in your life would be influential in drawing people to faith in Jesus? Could God be telling you to use this more in your testimony with unbelievers?
12. Jesus came into Jerusalem knowing that death awaited Him there. How does Jesus' bold pursuit of the cross speak to you today?

Pray

13. Pray that Jesus would provide your community group His peace in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Ask God to reveal to you the costly acts of worship He wants you to perform. Pray for the obedience to carry it out in joy.