

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## JOHN 12:12-19

### QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. Where is Jesus headed at the beginning of this story? Why do you think the people were so excited to see Jesus coming to Jerusalem?
2. What kind of king do you think the people expected Jesus to be? How is Jesus an even better king than the people thought he would become?
3. What did the people do to praise and honor Jesus with their actions that day?
4. What can you do today to praise and honor Jesus with your actions this week? What can you do to praise and honor Jesus with your heart, mind, and attitude this week?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. Why do you think the people were responding to Jesus entering Jerusalem with palm branches and shouting?
2. According to the text, why were people so drawn to Jesus?
3. Why do you think the Pharisees responded the way they did in v. 19?
4. **Challenge:** At this point in the story, people were looking for the King to come into Jerusalem. This week, spend some time thinking of ways that you can look for the coming of Jesus again.

### QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. What do you suppose were the crowd's reactions when they saw Jesus riding on a donkey as he entered Jerusalem that day? Why is this question important?
2. What does it mean to you when people said, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"?
3. What was the real reason the Pharisees did everything to stop the people from going after Jesus?
4. Where else in the Bible will we see again people hold palm branches in their hands to welcome a King? (Hint: Revelation 7) What does this mean? How does this contribute to our understanding that Jesus is the Christ?