

“Behold Your King”

Matthew 21:1-16

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Reflect on the Text

*Note: Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible itself. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

- Read Matthew 15:1-20. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Can you give any examples of things that are counterintuitive?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in **one phrase or sentence** (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

COUNTERINTUITIVE KING

- 3 What did the crowds want Jesus to be? Why was it counterintuitive for him to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey? How did the crowd react when they finally realized that Jesus refused to be manipulated for their agenda?
- 4 There is the god we want, and then there is the God who is. How might you be tempted to complete the following sentence: God has no right over my life unless _____.

CONFRONTATIONAL KING

- 5 In your own words, why did Jesus clear the moneychangers from the temple (hint: remember Adam's illustration with Sashi)?
- 6 Adam said that God sends "grace quakes" to shake us up draw us closer to himself. What "grace quakes" has God recently brought into your life?

CHILDREN OF THE KING

- 7 Why was Jesus' love for children revolutionary?
- 8 Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-28 and 2 Corinthians 12:9. In your own words, what does it mean to "boast in weakness"?
- 9 Adam said, "Everything we are called to be and do as Christians requires weakness. It is the song of the gospel in the mouths of the weak that makes them overcomers." Why do you think we are so averse to being weak? How does the gospel make weak people strong?

Final Reflections

- How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for God and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?