Week 3: His Choice the Cross – “King Jesus!”

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**:Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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**Day 2: Philippians 2:9-11**

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Day 3:** Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. **10**And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

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**Day 4:** Psalm 118:25-26

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

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**Day 5: John 11:47-48**

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

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Discussion Questions:

**1.** Read John 12:12-19. Why do you think the crowd was so excited to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem? What were they expecting from Him?

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**2.**  The people shouted “Hosanna!”, which means “Save us!” What does this tell us about their understanding of who Jesus was?

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**3.** Jesus invited the donkey’s owner to take part in His mission by offering what he had. What do you have that God might be asking you to surrender for His purposes, so He can be glorified through it?

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**4.** The crowd praised Jesus on Palm Sunday but a few days later that same crowd were the ones saying, “Crucify Him”. How have you responded when God didn’t meet your expectations? What have you noticed in your life when you distanced yourself from Him—or when you chose to bring your disappointment to Him instead?

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**5.** Read Luke 19:41-44. How do you feel toward those who reject Jesus—both individuals and the world at large? In what ways have those feelings shaped your actions? How might you grow to respond more like Jesus as you move forward?

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6. What might you need to still do to prepare your heart for Holy Week?

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