

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of March 20, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the King of Kings, who came not with military force, but in peace to save sinners of all nations, tribes, and languages.

**This Week's Text:** John 12:9-24

"He [Jesus] came not as expected, according to the desires of Israel, not in the proud triumph of war conquest, but in the meek rule of peace. Jesus still comes to us today in peace. Someday the Scripture tells us that he will not come to us on a donkey's colt but a war horse. A white horse whose rider will be the Messiah. With justice he will judge and make war, out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter." **Alfred Edersheim**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- Verse 12 begins with "the next day." What happened the day before? Do you think the large crowd in verse 9 is the same as the large crowd in verse 12?
- Explain the atmosphere in Jerusalem during the Passover. What did the crowds yell when they saw Jesus? What do palm branches represent?
- What kind of king were the crowds looking for? Did Jesus meet their understanding or qualifications of the King of Israel?
- Read verse 16. Does it encourage you to know that the disciples themselves had trouble understanding Jesus? Does it encourage you to know that their lack of understanding was not permanent? How has the Holy Spirit recently opened your mind and heart to the truths of Scripture?
- What sign brought the crowds to Jesus? What angered the Pharisees to the degree that they plotted to kill Lazarus and Jesus? Do you worship Jesus because he is useful or because he is beautiful?

- What is significant about the fact that Greek gentiles sought Jesus? How did Jesus answer their inquiry? Reflect on the great love of God, that he died to purchase the salvation of people of all nations, tribes, and languages.
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?