



Peace Within Reach

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WARM UP

What's a significant moment in your life? What would your life be like if you had missed that moment?

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the week before his crucifixion, was significant moment in history. Yet, many people missed it. Similarly today, the most significant moment for any person is the opportunity to receive Jesus. This Easter, thousands of people who don't know God will come to church. This could be their moment. The question is: How will you help someone encounter God?

DISCUSSION

These questions are a guide. Please select the ones that will work best for your group. You do not have to go through them all.

Read Matthew 21:1-11 as a group. Ask several people to read a few verses each.

- Pastor Tyron talked about the details of this passage. What is significant about each of these details:
 - The Passover festival —10,000+ people journeying to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover
 - The 10th Day of Nisan —the day Passover lambs are chosen in each home (symbol for Jesus)
 - Riding on a donkey —symbol of triumphant king; fulfillment of OT prophesy
 - Waving palm branches —symbol of victory and triumph
 - Shouting "Hosanna" —means "Lord save!"; a phrase associated with the coming Messiah
- What is Jesus saying through all of the events in Matthew 21:1-11? What is He revealing about Himself?

Read Luke 19:39-44. We find three truths in these verses.

1. Jesus is more appealing than religion.

- How would you describe the difference between religion and a relationship with Jesus?

2. Peace is closer than we think.

- Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem in Luke 19:39-44?
- Ultimately, Jesus wept because the people are looking for peace, but they're looking in the wrong place. What are some of the wrong places people search for peace?
- Why do we look for peace in the wrong places?
- True peace is only found in Jesus. Have you personally experienced God's peace in your life? Explain.
- If you haven't experienced God's peace, why do you think that is?

3. Everyone can have a moment with Jesus.

- Imagine growing up in a Jewish home and being taught about the coming Messiah your entire life. Then Jesus comes, and you miss the moment! What would that be like?
- There are people in your life who need Jesus. What would it be like for them to miss their moment to encounter Him this Easter?
- What are some simple things we can do to invite people to church this Easter?

APPLICATION

Who is someone you will invite to church this Easter? What will you do this week to invite them?

PRAYER

- Pray for each person who is named in the application question above. Pray that they would have a moment to encounter God this Easter.
- Take prayer requests, and pray for any needs in the group.