

# Sermon-based Small Groups

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## Part of a Bigger Story

John 12:12-19

Week of March 24, 2024

### This week's scripture:

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week’s scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

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**Sermon Reflection Questions:** Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- As we enter into Holy Week, what parts of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection reassure you that His story is bigger than we see?
- What spiritual practices (i.e. prayer, journaling, reading, exercising, etc.) help to remind you that you are "in the middle" of your story?