

What Do You Really Believe?

Text: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 14:1-11

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Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 21:1-11

- Jesus didn't own anything so how did He get a donkey to ride?
- What did the disciples and Jesus do to the donkey and her colt? (Read also Mark 11:1-11 and Luke 19:28-40 for comparison)
- Why did Jesus choose to ride on a donkey if He is the Messiah, the King?
- What was the response of the crowd?
- What is the meaning of "Hosanna"? Who were they indicating Jesus was? Why did Jesus let them cry out this announcement?

Read Mark 14:1-11

- What is the most expensive gift you have ever given anyone? Were you excited? Nervous? How did you feel?
- How do you think the woman in this story felt as she waited to anoint Jesus?
- What do we learn about this woman from the passage?
- Why does she anoint Jesus? What is the significance of this anointing?
- How do the dinner guests respond? What are some possible heart motives that led them to respond in this way?
- What are some practical ways we can avoid having a critical spirit towards others or ourselves?
- How does Jesus respond to the situation? What does He mean by "she has done what she could (v.8)"?
- What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

All of the various people who experienced Jesus' triumphal entry (Palm Sunday) as it played out in real time certainly had differing thoughts and opinions as to what was really happening. If you place yourself in that crowd—what would you have believed? What do you believe today?