

Creekside Community Church  
Palm Sunday  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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## **The King We Want Vs. The King We Need**

### **1. The King We Want (Matthew 21:1-11)**

### **2. The King We Need (Matthew 20:29-34)**

#### **For further thought and discussion:**

##### **Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

##### **Going Deeper**

2. What's the significance of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem (vv. 1-3; see Genesis 49:10-11; 1 Samuel 16:2; 1 Kings 1:33, 38, 44)? Why do the crowds spread their cloaks on the road (v. 8; see 2 Kings 9:13 Judges 5:10)? Why do they place palm branches on

the road? Why is it significant that the crowds sing Psalm 118? What does this reveal about their understanding of Jesus, and what kind of Messiah he will be?

3. Is the crowd correct in their assessment of Jesus? What do they get right? What do they get wrong (see vv. 4-6; Zechariah 9:9-10)? What does Matthew omit in his quotation of Zechariah 9 (compare v. 5 with Zechariah 9:9)? Why is this significant? What is Matthew highlighting about Jesus' kingship (see Matthew 11:28-30)?
4. Compare and contrast Matthew 20:21f and 20:29-34. How are these stories similar? How are they different? How does Jesus' respond to the mother of the sons of Zebedee (vv. 22-23)? How does he respond to the two blind men (v. 34)? What does this reveal about Jesus' kingship?

### **Application**

5. What kind of king did the crowds want Jesus to be? What kind of king did James and John want Jesus to be? Jeff suggested a number of ways we can treat Jesus in the same way. Which of these stood out to you? Why?
6. What kind of king do we need? Why?
7. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?