

The Way of Peace

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction

1. What kind of peace are we talking about?

II. Know Jesus not a Philosophy

“To know someone is to become him in a small way and let him become a part of you.” Andrew Klavan, *The Truth and Beauty*

III. Learning from Jacob

1. Listen up!
2. Peace Blesses
3. Genesis 49:8-12

IV. Learning from Zechariah

1. Revelation
2. Zechariah 9
3. We have to wait for God’s peace to break-in from heaven

V. Learning from Jesus

1. Matthew 21:1-11
2. We have to choose
3. Peace is humble

VI. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What is your favorite word in the Bible? What is your least favorite word in the Bible?
2. When you imagine the peace of Jesus Christ, what does it look like it?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Matthew 21:1-11

1. Why did the people wave palm branches, lay their cloaks on the road, and shout Hosanna? What did these things symbolize?
2. Why did Jesus intentionally fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9? How can we be sure this was what was in his mind?
3. There were two kingdoms that rode into Jerusalem during that Passover week. One was from the east and one from the west. One rode on a horse and another on a donkey. How is the peace of Jesus similar and different from the peace offered by the rulers of this world?
4. How do we follow Jesus in his way of establishing peace on earth?
5. If we have to wait for Jesus to return for peace to finally be established, how do we work for peace until he comes?
6. How did God speak to you through the message?
7. How can we pray for one another?