

Palm Sunday & the Work of Grassroots Church

Discussion Guide – April 13, 2025

As [Jesus] went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

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

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes...” Luke 19:41-44

Quotes:

The people wanted power. Jesus comes in peace.

The people wanted a throne. Jesus comes rides in on a borrowed donkey.

The people want revolution. Jesus brings redemption... through a cross.

“We believe Jesus is the clearest and fullest revelation of God, and that the cross is the ultimate expression of his character. This cruciform love is marked by self-giving, nonviolence, and radical mercy. Through love rooted in grace, enemies become neighbours, the outcast is welcomed, and the broken are restored. As the Servant King, Jesus lived an others-centred, humble life, revealing a kingdom built on love and inclusion. We are called to be a community shaped by that same love.” – Pastor Steve

Our Mission/Vision: We exist to cover the earth with the selfless love of Jesus through shaping bright disciples; restoring faith; and sheltering the vulnerable.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the crowds missed the kind of king Jesus really was? Do you think we still fall into that trap today—in what ways?
2. “If you, even you, had only known what would bring you peace...” What does this line from Jesus stir in you personally? What do you think would bring peace—to you, to our city, or to the church?
3. What part of Grassroots' mission—shaping bright disciples, restoring faith, or sheltering the vulnerable—resonates most deeply with you? Why?
4. How do you see Grassroots being “unique”—not better, but distinct—in our local context? What are our gifts as a community? What are some areas where we still need to grow?
5. If someone asked you “What is Grassroots all about?”—how would you answer? Would your answer be any different after hearing the message from Pastor Steve?