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Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

- To get to the moment in Christ's life that we call, "Palm Sunday," He had to travel through the wilderness, a place that represented temptation to deviate from God's plan. Share a wilderness time in your life—a time when you were tempted to go a different direction than God was leading.

  Did you go God's way or another?

  What were the results?

- Have you ever been in a huge, excited crowd? Where were you? What was it like?

- What would it have been like to be one of Jesus' disciples on Palm Sunday? Imagine being present when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead and then walking into Jerusalem with Him as the crowds broke out into praise and cheering. How would you have felt to be one of His "guys?"

- Why do you think Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey? If the Triumphal Entry was happening today, how do you think Jesus would choose to arrive?

- The crowds on Palm Sunday had a specific idea of who Jesus was and how He would help them, but they were wrong—wrong to the point that Jesus wept over their misconception. What are some ways that people in our day (maybe even you) project their own needs, wants and desires onto Jesus? How do we try to make Him who we want Him to be?

  Do you think He weeps over that today? Why or why not?

- When Jesus tells the Pharisees that if the crowds do not praise Him, "the stones will cry out," what is He saying? How does this statement challenge your life?

- Jesus goes on to say that the earthly kingdom that the people and the Pharisees are looking for will utterly be destroyed. This is true of every single kingdom that has, does or will exist in this world. They will all be destroyed. What kind of personal kingdoms are you trying to build that will ultimately fall?

- How do the events of Palm Sunday challenge and change your life?