

## SERMON NOTES: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (20/3/16)

### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 19:28-44*

*Zechariah 9:9-13*

### KEY POINTS

- + The Jews would have seen and understood the reference of the glory of God returning to Jerusalem (Zechariah 9)
  - + Jesus is making a clear point that he is the Messianic King bringing the presence of God back to a city that has lost the presence of God
  - + The significance of the palm fronds links back to a time decades before when a Jewish group called the Maccabees rebelled against Roman rule and minted their own coins with the symbol of palm fronds rather than Caesar's face—thus palms signified a new rule, a new nation, a new leader
  - + While most nations are characterised by borders, governance, army and laws, Jesus is ushering in a different kind of Kingdom. Invitations to citizenship in this Kingdom are given to unlikely people; it's dominion is established in hidden ways; it's King comes in peace rather than force.
  - + The Church today is God's vehicle to continue bringing about the Kingdom Jesus inaugurated. We participate and respond to God's mission, not our own.
- + **What stuck out to you from the teaching?** Did God remind you of something, or reveal something new? Did the Spirit minister to you?
  - + **Were any questions raised for you?** Did you get stuck on any scriptures or points? Anything you need clarity on?
  - + **Where do we see Jesus Christ in this teaching?** Jesus is at the centre of everything in the Scriptures. It follows that he is at the centre of everything we understand about church, faith and the Kingdom. What in the teaching has helped you see more of Jesus and the cross, or moved you to love him more?
  - + **How can you personally apply this teaching?** Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to do in obedient response. Make it actionable and personal. What is in place to help you stay accountable to this?
  - + **What/with whom can you share from here?** Who in your life needs to know the truth you've discovered? How can you share it with them?

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- + Use the passage of Luke 19:28-44 for Lectio Divina meditation. Have someone read the passage aloud three times, leaving a few minutes' silence in-between readings to meditate on a word or phrase or image that stands out from the passage. Discuss together in small groups, and lead into a time of confession and repentance together.