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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Meet Jesus the Sacrifice and... Series, Lesson 42

Lesson Title: Get Jesus as Lord

Take Home Point: Jesus gave up his life so we can know Jesus as Lord.

Warm-Up:

What do you think of when you hear the word "sacrifice?" Do you think of lifeguards or others who lose their life while saving another? Or perhaps you consider the time and money people give to charitable organizations. And what of parents who give up something they would like to do in order to send their children to college? Sacrifice comes in all sizes and forms. Naturally, the larger the sacrifice appears, the more it is noticed. But there are small everyday sacrifices – a little extra time spent with a child, a friend listening to another talk about the hurt inside, or a few dollars sent to an orphan overseas so the child can eat and have clothes to wear. Sacrifice is best measured not by the size of what is given, but by what is given up.

Read: Mark 11:1-11

Observation (What happened?):

When asked who needed the donkey colt, what were the disciples to say? (See also Matthew 21:1-5)

What did the people shout as Jesus entered Jerusalem?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why do you think the crowd spread cloaks and branches before Jesus as he entered the city?

Do you suppose the people understood the significance of what they were shouting?

Insight:

In Matthew 21:1-5 do you remember reading, "This happened so that what the prophet had said came true?" The prophet was Zechariah, and his prophecy is recorded in Zechariah 9:9-10. What was so significant about Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem? Why did it get the crowds so excited? In Old Testament times, when Israel had its own king, the donkey (or mule) was a special symbol of the king to ride. Riding a horse indicated the king was leaving for war. Riding a donkey meant the king was coming for peace and the security of his people. For example, in 1st Kings 1:32-35, King David presents his son Solomon to Israel as the next king by having him ride David's own mule. So when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, he was proclaiming himself to be the coming king. The people knew this and so rejoiced and praised him.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

Think of some ways you honor Jesus as your Lord. Thank him for his sacrifice so you can know him as Lord.

What is one thing you can give up as a sacrifice to follow Jesus?