

# JESUS THE SACRIFICE

## WORSHIP

Begin by reading Psalm 118. Mike's sermon dwelt on how God has acted throughout the entire Old Testament – His acts are best described as an outflow of His enduring love.

## FELLOWSHIP

Share in your small group your plans for Easter this year.

## DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you from the sermon? How did it prepare you for holy week?
2. Read Matthew 21:1-5
  - a. How does this passage put on display Jesus' authority and His humility?*
  - b. When you think of Jesus as a King, what comes to mind?*
  - c. In what ways have you tried to be your own king, usurping Jesus' place as the rightful King of your life?*
3. Read Matthew 21:6-11 – Context: The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life, originating in the ancient Near East and the Mediterranean world.
  - a. How does Jesus' arrival, specifically these verses, set the scene for holy week?*
  - b. What about Jesus "stirs" people, both then and now in your opinion?*
  - c. Who is someone you could invite to join the crowd this Sunday and encounter Jesus at Easter?*
4. If time, read the rest of John 5 to see where Jesus ultimately takes the conversation.

## PRAYER

Think of someone who needs to hear Holy Week's message. Pray for them. Additionally, Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

