

Triumphant Entry – Expectations



Putting Yourself in the Picture

This 19th Century print by an unknown artist provides a near photographic like interpretation of Jesus and some of his followers entering Jerusalem during the Festival of Passover.

Read Zechariah 9:9-13. The prophet describes the coming of a king. Read Matthew 21:1-11.

Compare the two passages. How are they the same? How are they different?

What are the expectations of the people depicted in the picture? The men? The women?

If you were one of Jesus' followers/disciples what do you expect to happen next?

Read Luke 19:28-44. How does it compare to Matthew? What details does he add to the story?

Why are the Pharisees concerned about Jesus' followers? As a Pharisee what do you expect to happen next?

In what ways do we in the modern church often reflect the concerns of the Pharisees?

Study Guide – Risking Reputation

On Page 23 of A.J. Levine's book "Entering the Passion of Jesus" she states "For Jesus, the risk of riding into Jerusalem in a victory parade is very real."

Read Mark 8:27-32. Jesus confirms he is the expected messiah. He immediately predicts his execution.

As a disciple of Jesus why would the juxtaposition of these two events be disheartening?

The author points out that Passover is also celebrated as the "Feast of Freedom" from bondage in Egypt.

What kind of risk is Jesus facing? Who are those who would be most concerned by "triumphant entry?"

On pages 27-29 A.J. Levine provides an alternative context of the 'meek king' rather than the 'victorious king'.

Read Psalm 37:11 and Matthew 5:5.

What do these passages say about the type kingdom that Jesus says God intends to institute?

Pages 31-33 expands the relationship between the cheers of the crowd and the desire for salvation.

Reread Matthew 21:9-11 and Psalm 118:25-29

How do the Hosannas (Save us, please) of the crowd directly relate to the name 'Jesus'?

From what does the crowd want to be saved?

Beyond political freedom, what other areas of life need a form of salvation?

On pages 35-36, the author reminds us that the 'Triumphant Entry' is a path to the cross.

Read Luke 23-25.

Based on the readings, what are the keys to discipleship and salvation?