



Day 8: Palm Sunday

Let's Start

ASK: Imagine that each of these people arrived at your front door. What might be the first thing you said to them?

- The President
- Your best friend
- A stranger

SAY: What we say to someone as they arrive shows what we think of them, how well we know them, or how pleased we are to see them. Today we'll see what different groups of people said to Jesus as he arrived in Israel's most important city, Jerusalem, where God's temple was.

Let's Listen to God

READ: Luke 19: 36-40

36 As he went along, people spread their coats on the road.

37 Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives. There the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised him for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"May there be peace and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "tell your disciples to stop!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

ASK: What did the crowd call Jesus? How do we know they were pleased to see him?

What did the Pharisees call Jesus? Did they think he was God's promised King-Rescuer?

If Jesus walked through your front door now, how would you welcome him? What would you want to say to him?

Let's Learn

SAY: As Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, some of the people who had seen the amazing things he had done celebrated. They knew he was the King-Rescuer who God had promised to send to sort out the problem of sin. But other people, like the Pharisees, thought he was just a teacher, who should tell his followers to stop making such a fuss.

As we carry on in our story, we are going to see more reactions to Jesus—angry reactions, scared reactions, and selfish reactions. But none of them stop Jesus' rescue plan!

Let's Pray

Say: Lord Jesus, we know that not everyone accepts you as the King-Rescuer who makes it possible for people to be friends with God. Please give us faith to understand more and more who you really are, and to trust you. Amen.