

Palm Sunday, 10/04/22**Luke 19:28-40**

1. What attributes do you think a king should have?
2. In the Old Testament, the Israelites demanded a King so they could be like other nations. God told them what their Kings would be like and warned them of the outcome, but the people still wanted one.
 - a. Why do you think, despite the warnings, they persisted with their demand?
3. Very few, if any of the Israelite kings, led the people well. Even those that began their reign well, became corrupted. They sought power and wealth and status, they sought after false gods and led their people astray.
 - a. Why do you think it was so hard to be and remain a good king?
4. The people rightly recognised Jesus as King but failed to understand what type of King he was. Why do you think this was?
5. The people wanted Jesus to correct, fix, or resolve their difficult situations and circumstances in the way they wanted him to. They wanted Jesus to fit into their king-shaped mould or royal box. Do we sometimes try to do the same?
 - a. What mould are we sometimes guilty of trying to fit Jesus into?
 - b. How might we remind ourselves of the type of King Jesus is? (Riding a donkey not a horse; the King of peace not a king of war)
6. On Palm Sunday we celebrate the 'once in a history of the universe' arrival of the King of peace, the King of kings. This arrival wasn't like a 'one arrival of millions' at Heathrow airport but rather a unique moment in history. However, even those present for the first "Palm Sunday" had lost their attitude of rejoicing and celebration within a week and instead rejected Jesus to death.
 - a. How good are we at retaining the attitude of celebration at the arrival of the King of kings?
 - b. What hinders the retention of our rejoicing?
7. How might we welcome the Godly King into our towns, cities, communities, and lives? What does that look like?