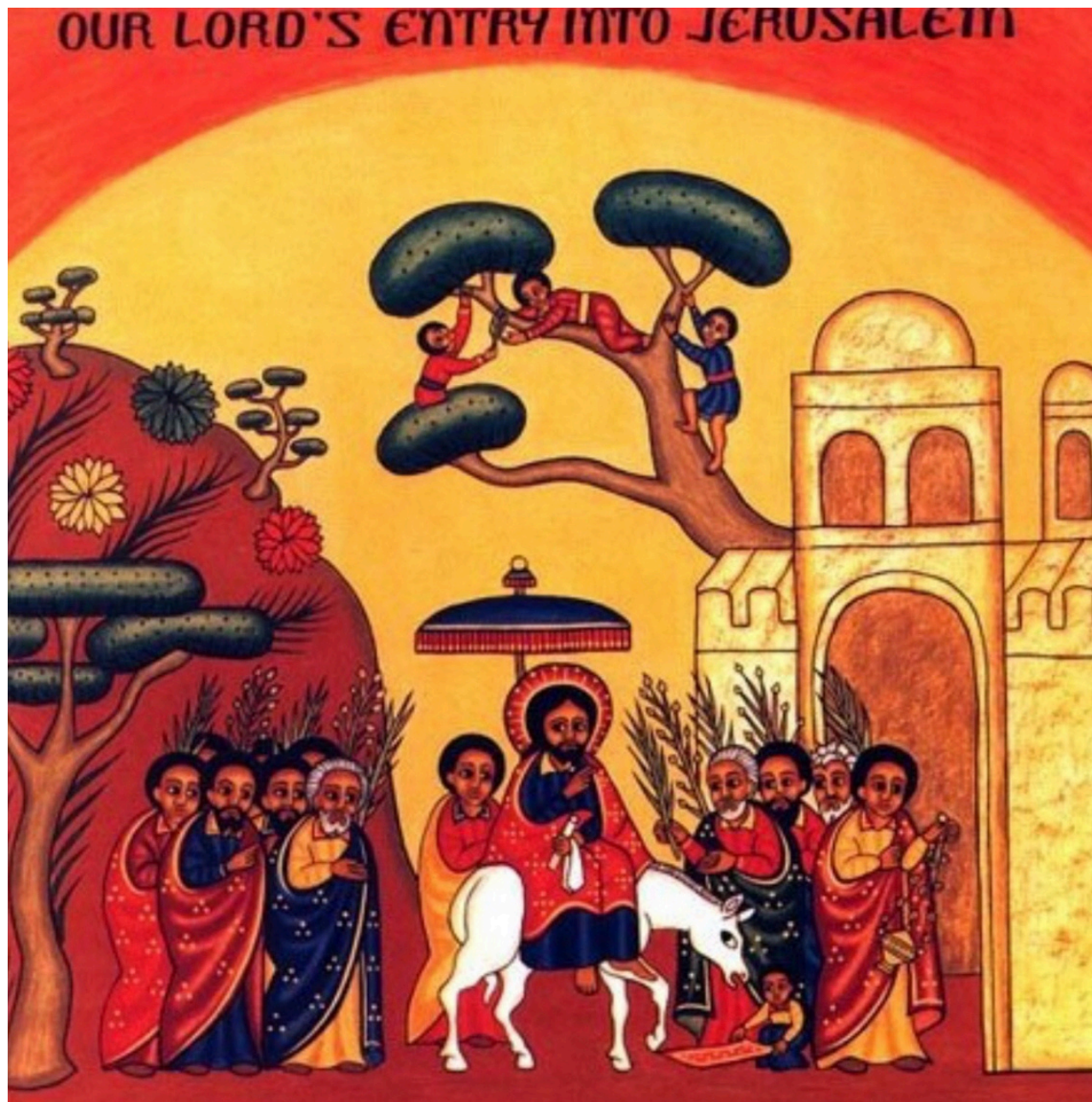


BIBLE STUDY HANDOUT

MARK 11:7-11; LUKE 19:41-44

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QUESTION

Everyone in this procession is looking somewhere different – at each other, at the city, at the moment. Where are you looking as you follow Jesus into whatever Jerusalem is in front of you this week? And is your gaze fixed on the destination, on the crowd, or on the one you are following?

ENTER THE TEXT

Mark 11:7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. **8**

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. **9** Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our
ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Mark 11:11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

ENTER THE TEXT

Luke 19:41 As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, **42** saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. **43** Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. **44** They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”^a

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DISCUSSION

HISTORICAL & CONTEXTUAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **THE ROMAN PROCESSION**
- **THE DOMINATION SYSTEM**
- **WHAT THE CROWD WANTED VS. WHAT JESUS OFFERED**

QUESTIONS

- **What word or phrase resonated with you?**
- **Think of a time you joined a crowd moving toward something – a protest, a celebration, a march, a rally, a pilgrimage. What were you hoping would happen when you got there? Did it?**
- **Jesus wept over the city. What does it mean that the one entering in triumph is simultaneously weeping? What does that tell us about what kind of king this is?**
- **Are we, like the Palm Sunday crowd, asking Jesus to save us – but saving us in the way we want to be saved? What kind of salvation are we actually hoping for?**

CLOSING PRAYER