



## WEEKLY STUDY

### Week 8

This weekend was Palm Sunday. We heard the shout of the crowds who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey. They shouted, “Save us!” and recognized Jesus as King. We shout the same where we are in 2022 and the words of the Pharisees are coming true: “Look how the whole world has gone after him.” May the shouts of our hearts proclaim Jesus as King.

Peace of Christ,  
Pastor Mark

If you are studying with your Providence Small Group or Discipleship Group, you can share from daily readings as well as the additional question at the bottom of this guide. If you would like to get connected to a Providence Small Group visit [prov.church/smallgroups](http://prov.church/smallgroups).

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture, follow the daily prayer prompt, and then pray this or your own prayer.

*Save us, Jesus!  
You are our king! Humble and mighty. Servant and Savior.  
Forgive us for our cries to the contrary.  
Give us your grace.  
Give us new life.  
Amen*

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## DAILY STUDY

### MONDAY: JOHN 12.12-16

*The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!”*

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Blessed is the king of Israel!”*

<sup>14</sup> *Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:*

<sup>15</sup> *“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey’s colt.”*

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

- Depending on where you live, it might be very difficult to imagine this scene in your town today. But if a man were riding down Main Street on a donkey, what kinds of things would be yelled at him? Who would be shouting? Jesus clearly had a reputation. People were talking. They were desperate for a savior, even if they didn't know fully what that meant. What would you do to welcome Jesus into your town?
- *Save me, Jesus! Come into my town and into my heart today.*

## **TUESDAY: JOHN 12.17-19**

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

- Now we know the motivation for many in the crowd. Jesus had raised a man from the dead! The promise of new life was real and they responded by running to the One who brought it. I wonder if some in the crowd were hoping to see one of their relatives come back to life. Maybe they were hoping for a guarantee that they themselves could live forever.
- *Jesus, I have heard of the great signs you have performed in the lives of others. Perform them in mine!*

## **WEDNESDAY: MATTHEW 27.50-54**

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

- This intense scene described in the Gospel of Matthew, took place when Jesus was on the cross. It's impossible to know exactly what was going through Jesus' mind in those final moments of life, but he shouted out one last time. That shout echoed across the whole earth and led to visible signs that death was defeated in his own death and resurrection.
- *Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God. Unsettle the ground beneath my feet and wake me up to life.*

## **THURSDAY: REVELATION 12.10-11**

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb

*and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.*

- In his vision, John heard a shout from heaven declaring the salvation and kingdom of God. This is a language that John and his audience would understand. When the kingdom of God is fully realized on the earth, there will be a disturbance for those who are holding on to the power and authority of this world. Seems like news worthy of shouting!
- *God, thank you for this picture of the present and future hope of your kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus!*

### **FRIDAY: 1 THESSALONIANS 4.15-18**

*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.<sup>17</sup> Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.<sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.*

- This passage from Paul ties together the themes of the readings in Matthew and Revelation this week. Can you imagine what the commanding shout of the Lord will sound like? It's the kind of shout that will raise the dead to life!
- *Speak, Lord. Shout, Lord. I long to be caught up in the crowd that welcomes you and your kingdom.*

### **SATURDAY: PSALM 47.1-7**

*Come, everyone! Clap your hands!  
Shout to God with joyful praise!*

<sup>2</sup>*For the Lord Most High is awesome.  
He is the great King of all the earth.*

<sup>3</sup>*He subdues the nations before us,  
putting our enemies beneath our feet.*

<sup>4</sup>*He chose the Promised Land as our inheritance,  
the proud possession of Jacob's descendants, whom he loves.*

<sup>5</sup>*God has ascended with a mighty shout.  
The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.*

<sup>6</sup>*Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

<sup>7</sup>*For God is the King over all the earth.  
Praise him with a psalm.*

- Psalm 47 gives instructions for worship. It tells us to shout our praise to the God who “ascended with a mighty shout”. The king over all the earth deserves our praise. How do you respond in worship? What kinds of psalms do you use to praise God?
- *God, I will use my hands and my voice—and all I have—to worship you today.*

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

There is a time and place for shouting. Some situations of danger, violence, and injustice require a raised voice of opposition. But as pastor Jacob pointed out in this week's message, the shouts that truly bring change and lead to new life are our shouts to Jesus.

- What are some times when you needed to shout out of pain? Anger? Fear? Joy?
- In which moments have you found yourself shouting out to God?