



PARENT DEVOTION

EASTER SERIES | LESSON 4

JESUS OUR HUMBLE KING

They took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" – John 12:13

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

READ MATTHEW 21:1-11; MARK 11:1-11; LUKE 19:28-44; JOHN 12:12-19

Parades always have an air of excitement and anticipation about them, don't they? Crowds gather and excitement builds. You hear the cheers and shouts of the people who are before you on the parade route and you wait anxiously to see the attraction.

People had heard about the amazing things Jesus had done – his miracles, his wise teachings, his ability to stand up to the Pharisees. These people were hungry for a leader, for a king, for the promised Messiah. And they were putting their hopes on this king who was about to come down the "parade route." They cried, *Praise God! Hosanna! Save us! Save us now!*

Hosanna was a cry for help. These people felt an immediate need for rescue. Jesus didn't bring them political rescue or financial rescue, so he was probably not quite the Savior they were expecting. But this humble king, riding on a donkey, brought them so much more: forgiveness, freedom from sin, and eternal life. And he brings the same to us. *Hosanna, Lord!*

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What is your favorite memory from a parade as a child or with your kids?
2. Many people missed the rescue that Jesus was offering because they were looking for a political or military king. In what ways do we miss the rescue Jesus offers us each day? What is surprising about the ways Jesus comes to us?
3. How does Jesus show humility in these passages? In what areas of your life do you need humility? How can you learn from his example?