

## THE CROWD

LUKE 19:36-40 ; LUKE 23:13-26

MARCH 28TH



### START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP TALKING.

- Do you have a favorite Palm Sunday memory as a child?
- Before the pandemic, what was your favorite crowd to be in? Concert? Ball game?

### START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Jesus enters Jerusalem with a parade, a party, a welcome fit for a king.
- Read Luke 19:28-40
- What was the crowd expecting Jesus to do? Teaching? Miracles? Conquering king?
- We all have crowds that shape who we are, from social media to favorite political parties. Which crowds shape us towards the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, etc.?  
Which crowds shape us away from the fruit?

### START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- In 5 days, the crowd moves from hosanna to crucify him.
- Read Luke 23:18-25
- Why did the crowd want Barabbas released instead of Jesus?
- Jesus infuriated the religious leaders and didn't give the crowd what they wanted: miracles and freedom from Rome.
- Are you ever tempted to give up on God because God doesn't give you what you want?
- Sometimes the deepest, truest faith feels more like a defeat than it does a victory.
- If you are comfortable, share a story of loss and how you experienced Christ's presence through it.

### START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- *Pray openly and honestly: Lord God, there are so many crowds vying for our attention, our time and our passion. May we be a people solely listening to you, to your Son, and to your Spirit, building our lives on Your promise and hope, not the changing tastes of fickle crowds. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

### START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Dive more into Holy Week with this 6-day reading plan:  
[https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/23947-holy-week.](https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/23947-holy-week)