

Reading Tracks

TRACK ONE

Follow along with basics of the story in a short selection of readings this week..

Monday: Zechariah 9:9-12

Tuesday: Matthew 21:1-11

Wednesday: Isaiah 16:5, Jeremiah 33:15

Thursday: Luke 19:37-44

Friday: John 12:12-19

Saturday: I Corinthians 1:18-25

TRACK TWO

Get a little bigger perspective by reading assigned sections from *The Story* © 2011 by Zondervan.

Read pages 363-366 this week.

TRACK THREE

Get the whole story by reading through most of the Bible in longer sections.

In your Bible, read John 14-19 this week.

This Week's Scripture Memory Verse

"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out" Luke 19: 39-40

Next Week in Worship

Next Week's Message: *The Victory of God*

Next Week's Readings: Luke 24:1-12, I Corinthians 15:53-58

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, discovering that the Godly purpose of this path of suffering and pain that Jesus took was for the dawning of new life, both for Jesus as our King, and for us as heirs of the promise of eternal life that his gift of love brings to us.



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Group Discussion

Connect

Has there ever been a moment that you had in nature that drew you to worship God?

Share with your group what that moment was like, and why it made you praise the Lord.

Learn

The word Hosanna means: Lord, save us. How could “Hosanna” be used as a word of praise?

How could “Hosanna” be used as a prayer?

Read Zechariah 9:9-12. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he was fulfilling a prophesy from Zechariah, where God would send a humble king to save his people.

Hosanna– cry of people who are enslaved, looking for a hero.– who might people today cry out “Save us, sir” to in a similar way? What does this say about who Jesus is?

Children: **Matthew 21:15-17, Psalm 8:2** What does it tell us that children are praising Jesus? Have children ever taught you about faith? What does this tell you about Jesus?

Animals: **Luke 19:30.** How is this an understated miracle? Have you ever seen someone try to ride an animal that’s never been ridden? What does this say about who Jesus is?.

Creation: **Psalm 98: 7-9, Luke 19:40.** What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

Who did not recognize the Lord’s coming in Luke 19? Why do you think they missed it?

Read I Corinthians 1:18-25

Have you ever found yourself putting more stake on your own wisdom than on God’s wisdom? When you are in that place, what do you find yourself “missing”?

Part of what caused the Pharisees and Sadducees to miss the time of God’s coming to them was that they were expecting his arrival to look different– expecting the Son of David, they expected a kingdom that looked like David’s– a military, economic, political reign.

How much bigger is the saving that Jesus brings: for the Gentiles, for all generations, for all peoples, for a ‘new creation’?

Apply

This week, as you go about your daily life, look for these things happening even today:

- Creation singing God’s praise– God being glorified in his creation, whether in nature or in animals
 - Children echoing Jesus’ praise back to you, people turning to God for his power
 - People missing the Lord’s presence, by putting their own wisdom first.
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Pray

Hosanna means “Lord, Save us”.

First Pray “Hosanna” as a praise– lifting up the Lord as the one you trust has the power to save.

Second, take a moment and ask yourself what it is you really need saving from, and need saving for. Lift up those prayers to the Lord.