

## **Behold Your King**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 11:1-11**

#### **Open It**

What is enjoyable about watching parades?

What would you like or dislike about actually participating in a big parade?

What kinds of events or occasions do we celebrate with parades?

#### **Explore It**

Where did the events of this story take place? (11:1)

What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (11:2)

What did Jesus ask the disciples to do? (11:2–3)

How did the disciples' experience match with what Jesus said? (11:4–7)

What did the people in the village do when the disciples asked to take their colt? (11:6)

What did Jesus do with the colt? (11:7)

How did Jesus enter Jerusalem? (11:7–11)

Why did the people spread cloaks and branches on the road for Jesus? (11:8–10)

What was the atmosphere of the crowd when Jesus rode into Jerusalem? (11:8–10)

What did the people shout when Jesus entered the city? (11:9)

What does the reaction of the crowd tell us about how they interpreted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? (11:9–10)

Why do you think Jesus went to the temple first but then went out to Bethany with His disciples? (11:11)

Why didn't Jesus stay in Jerusalem? (11:11)

#### **Get It**

What do you think the disciples thought about what Jesus asked them to do?

Why do you think the people in the village let the disciples take their colt?

What did Jesus communicate to the crowds by riding a donkey into Jerusalem?

Why do you think Jesus went to the temple first but then went out to Bethany with His disciples?

When has God told you to do something that you thought was unusual or difficult to justify?

How should we imitate the disciples' example?

Why do you think God does not always reveal His intentions or long-range plans for us when we find ourselves in difficult circumstances?

What should we do when we do not understand what God is trying to accomplish in us and through us?

What can we learn from the attitudes of the people who followed Jesus into Jerusalem?

How can we express our praise to the Lord?

### **Apply It**

What could you do this week to celebrate what Jesus has done for you?

How should you react the next time a situation arises that you don't understand?