

Baycities Lomita Spring 2019 Growth Groups
Special Message: Palm Sunday 2019
Theme: “What Holy Looks Like”- Week of April 14th, 2019
Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions

Message Summary: This week was a special week... that of Palm Sunday... the day Jesus entered Jerusalem for His last push toward the events that would lead to His arrest, mock trial, His declared innocent by Pilate but then deal with Pilate choosing to give in to the crowd... who exchange the holy one Jesus for a murder and thug Barabbas, and condemn Jesus to Crucifixion! But at no time was Jesus not in control of what was happening! Nothing that happened was beyond His or the Father's control to stop, yet He allowed Himself to serve others paying the price only He could pay for our sins...even to the point of giving His life! But what stands out as Holy Week is commenced by Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem, was that we got to see holiness in action! Of course Jesus lived a sinless life. But by example, Jesus just did what He came to do for others no matter what opposition He faced. He was not sidetracked. He cared for His friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He cared for His disciples, comforting them, giving them their last instructions, enduring with their false steps even their betrayal and abandonment. Even, forgiving and granting eternal life to a thief on the cross just before His own life slipped away. He enduring false accusations and arrest and beatings without protest. That's holiness... staying faithful to God, to your mates and to the ministry He was to fulfill! The challenge for us is... will we let His holiness motivate us to live out our own faithfulness to Jesus and to what He has called us to do! 1 Peter 1:15-16 guides us. Jesus made us holy by giving us His righteousness at the moment of our salvation. Now He calls us by His example to live out practical holiness in our commitments and conduct! A challenge fit for a Palm Sunday Jesus example!

1. What moved you or inspired you the most after listening to the Palm Sunday Message?

2. Take a look as a group at **1 Peter 1:15-16** below. Then, discuss the questions that follow with each other.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

- a. Obviously God’s perfection and sinlessness we will never match. But God here is calling us to holy conduct and speech and interactions using Himself/Jesus as the example. Discuss how using Jesus example can lead you to practically living out holy (righteous) actions and interactions going forward? (Hint: what are some specific examples Jesus demonstrated that you can be inspired by?)
- b. Discuss how Jesus’ example can help you in your speech and use of words and emotions in conversations. How important is humility when it comes to controlling your tongue and loving others?

3. Jesus endured returning to Jerusalem to face His enemies and His own death, because He obeyed the Father and knew His death meant our delivery from sin’s bondage and... He knew that Resurrection Sunday was coming! Now, as a group, make a list of people you know and write down their names and pray for them, that Jesus might draw them to Himself and open their hearts so they too might believe in Him for eternal life?