

GRACE ALONE: WEEK 4- Grace Has Come

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What has been your toughest moment this past month?
2. Are you one that listens to advise? Why or Why not? Why is seeking advise a wise thing to do? Who do you seek advise from?

WORD

Matthew 21:1-11 NIV

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:5

*"Say to Daughter Zion,
 'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

We will look at the story of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. Jesus, the embodiment of God's grace, triumphal entry to Jerusalem. We will comprehend the real meaning of Jesus' triumphal entry, also known as Palm Sunday.

The Jewish people have been anticipating a Saviour. The large crowds have been waiting for the Messiah to come. The Messiah that will save them from death, suffering and pain.

So these large crowds spread their cloaks and cut branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road. A gesture of honour and respect for the Messiah's triumphal entry to Jerusalem. A spontaneous action to honour and expression of reverence to the Messiah. Palm branches signify victory, triumph and peace. The Jews were excited to see Him

DISCUSSIONS

What are the things you have been anticipating this year? How is it going?

What are you doing to make sure it will happen what you are expecting?

How about if it will not happen? What are you going to do?

WORD

The Messiah, the grace of God has come to us. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem symbolizes that He has come to our lives. God's Riches at Christ Expense (G.R.A.C.E). And *Grace is the unmerited, undeserved, and unearned kindness and favour of God.*

Three Points..

**Grace Has Come to deliver us..*

We don't do anything in order to be delivered. We don't do anything to earn it. Grace has come because our Father loves us. We deserved to die but He made a way for us through Jesus.

**Grace Has Come gently and humbly..*

Philippians 2:6-8

Who, being in very nature [a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself

nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

The verses compared to Jesus as having the same nature with God. He left all the splendour of His Majesty, His throne in heaven and He chose to be made nothing. Making himself a servant for the humanity. And in order to do that, He came down in human form.

****Grace Has Come to transforms us.***

Matthew 21:12-13

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the table of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 “It is written.” He said to them, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you’re making it ‘a den of robbers.’

Anything that are not glorifying to God will be driven out. Our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit when we make Him as the Lord.

DISCUSSION

Describe a “GRACE” moment in your life?

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us receive the free gift God has freely given us. Let us be transformed from within. God has come to free us and deliver us from eternal death to eternal life. As grace comes and as we accept Him as our Lord, we will be transformed to be loving, patient, joyful, peaceful.

DISCUSSION

What is one practical thing that you could apply on this week message?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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