



Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

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DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Where am I most tempted to lay palm branches before Jesus—not as submission to His lordship, but as a way of asking Him to serve my cause or agenda?
2. In what ways might I be shouting “Hosanna—save now,” while resisting the kind of salvation Jesus actually brings through repentance, suffering, and the cross?
3. Where have I subtly tried to place a sign over Jesus—defining His identity, authority, or priorities—instead of letting Him define mine?
4. If I’m honest, which version of a “recreated Jesus” do I most easily drift toward (comforting Jesus, political Jesus, prosperity Jesus, moral Jesus), and what does that reveal about what I really want from Him?
5. In what ways might I be tempted to “edit” Jesus—keeping what comforts me and ignoring what calls me to repentance or surrender?
6. In what ways has the power of American freedom convinced us that we have the freedom to live into or avoid what God has said?
7. What evidence in my life proves that the real Jesus rules over me—and not that I’m simply using Him to justify my life?
8. If the Jesus I follow never confronts me, never corrects me, and never calls me to die to myself—why am I confident He is the real Jesus?