



IN PURSUIT OF JESUS

JESUS & THE CROWDS

SUMMARY | Join Discover the Word as we focus our conversation on the crowds that surrounded the events of Passion Week. It's important to see that the crowd is diverse. It's not one-size-fits-all at the triumphal entry, nor are the various crowds we will study in this series all the same. Differences make a difference, and labeling "the crowds" generically will always be inaccurate to some extent. Let's wrestle with that together.

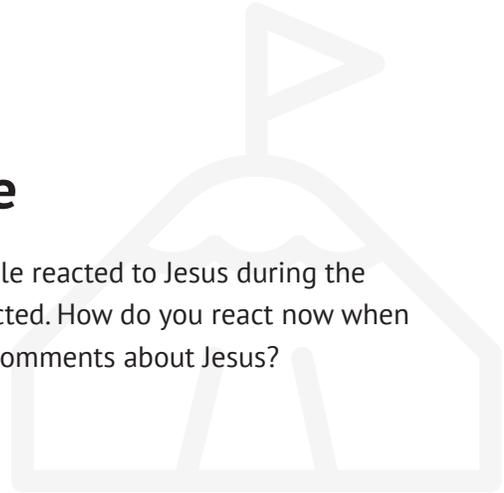
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This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 19:36–40. What different groups are represented in the crowd at the triumphal entry? Why is Jesus' response so surprising?
2. In Luke 23:1–25, the religionists and the crowds call for Jesus' crucifixion. Given the nature of Jesus' teaching, healings, and miracles, how do you explain such a violent demand against Him?
3. On the road to the cross, the crowd is once again a very diverse group. What are your thoughts about Jesus' interaction with the daughters of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27–31)?
4. At the beginning of the crucifixion event, the crowds simply observe Jesus' suffering as well as the actions and words of the religious leaders (Luke 23:35). By the end of the day, their attitudes and actions change (vv. 48–49). How do they react, and how do you explain this shift in behavior?

Challenge

As you look at how the different groups of people reacted to Jesus during the Passion Week, think about how you might have reacted. How do you react now when other people have strong or accusatory comments about Jesus?

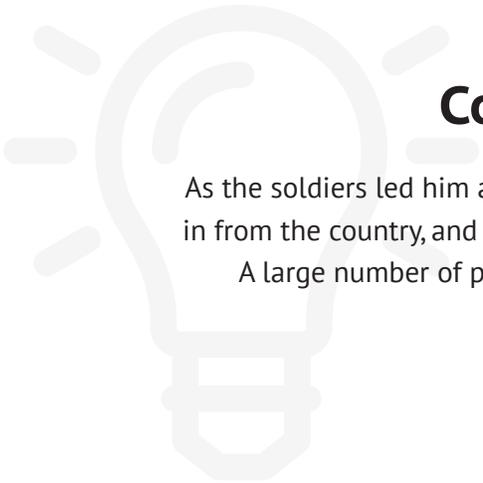


Commit To Memory

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

Luke 23:26-27 NIV



Prayer

Father, give me a sense of awareness of my own heart, that I might see where I fit in the crowds that surrounded Jesus' suffering and death. I thank You for the heart of Your one and only Son, who prayed, "Father, forgive them" over the ones who had caused Him such pain. And I thank You for what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and that His saving work was not only for those at the foot of the cross but for us as well. Amen.

