

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 13, 2025  
That's a Great Question: Why are you doing  
this?

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**QUESTION**

*Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week*

### • CONNECT

- o What's the weirdest or most impulsive decision you've ever made—and did it turn out the way you expected?

### • GROW

*As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"*  
*<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,*  
*"Hosanna! [a]"*  
*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" [b]"*  
*<sup>10</sup>*  
*"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"*  
*"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

**Mark 11:1-10**

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Why do you think Jesus sends the disciples to get a donkey with such specific instructions? (*Read Zechariah 9 for context*)
- o "Why are you doing this?" How does this question apply not just to the people in the text, but to our own actions?
- o What do the disciples' obedience—even without a full explanation—teach us about trust?
- o The crowds shout "Hosanna" and welcome Jesus as a king. What do you think they were hoping for?
- o Do you think the crowd's actions were anchored in faith, tradition, emotion, or something else?
- o What do you think it means to anchor your decisions in Christ?
- o How can we tell if a decision is rooted in faith or in something else (fear, pride, people-pleasing, etc.)?
- o **Expanding the Theme**

- o Read Proverbs 3:5-6 - How does this passage reflect the kind of trust shown by the disciples in Mark 11?
- o Read Psalm 1:1-3 - What does it look like to be rooted or anchored in God's Word?
- o Read Colossians 2:6-7 - How can being "rooted" in Christ influence the everyday choices we make?
- o Read James 1:5-8 - How do you see double-mindedness affecting people's decisions today—including your own?

- **SERVE**

- Before you make a significant decision this week—big or small—pause and ask: Why am I doing this? Is this choice anchored in my identity in Christ, or something else?" You might write this question somewhere visible (a phone wallpaper, bathroom mirror, or journal), and reflect on it daily. Pay attention to what anchors their motivations this week—fear, love, approval, truth, etc.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**