



BREAKING THE ICE

What are your Easter traditions?

If you knew you only had one week left of your life, what would you do during that week?

Last week we talked about climbing mountains and denying things in our lives to be more like Jesus. What did that experience look like for you this week?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin finished our series on Jesus, the King of Hearts. As we head into Holy Week, remembering the last week of Jesus's life on earth, we took some time to remember what kind of king Jesus was, a humble king.

1. What would you say are characteristics of humility?

We see Jesus was a humble king represented throughout the gospels. One important story of Jesus humility shows up in all four gospels, the triumphal entry.

Read Mark 11:1-11

Jesus humility allowed Him not to look or act better than anyone else. Yes, He was the Son of God, the savior of the world but He rode in on a borrowed donkey. This wasn't the wealth and stature arrival you would expect from a king.

It wasn't about what Jesus rode into town on. The donkey was just a means for Jesus to arrive and to give life.

2. Pastor Kevin talked about being the donkey and Jesus being seen through our lives. What would it look like for you to be the donkey and allow Jesus to be seen through you? What changes would you have to make in your life in order for this to be accomplished?

We can all struggle with pride and humility; thinking of others and thinking of ourselves and with control and surrender. What we learned from Jesus is that humility doesn't demand praise. Jesus knew who He was and what He came to earth to do, He didn't demand others to give Him the praise He deserved.

3. Do you have a tendency to praise others or look for praise from others?

4. What kind of shifts need to happen in your life to praise others more than demanding praise for yourself?

Proverbs 27:2 says, "Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips."

Jesus wasn't about self promotion. He knew that His works would be shared with the world. He didn't have to shout it. The second thing we learned about humility with Jesus is He trusts God's timing. Jesus didn't have to do things in His timing. He waited on God because God's timing is always the right time. When we try to make things happen in our timing we can miss out on what God wants to do in our lives and others lives.

5. Whose timetable do you pay attention to, yours or God's? Where have you seen God do something in His timing that was so much better than you would have imagined?

At the time Jesus was riding into town on the donkey, the people thought Jesus was coming to save them from the earthly kingdom and oppression they were feeling. They didn't realize He was coming to save them from much more, their sin. Sometimes the savior we want is not the savior we need.

6. What kind of savior have you been looking for? What kind of savior do you need?

Jesus showed humility by being dependent on others generosity. Jesus rode into town on someone else's donkey. He owns everything but He made Himself vulnerable to others generosity. Pride can make it hard for us to receive others generosity in our lives but Jesus calls us to humbly receive.

7. Where can you receive from others and let go of doing everything yourself?

The last way Jesus showed humility is by being generous and serving others. When we are generous with what we have, God uses it to help others. When we serve and give, lives are changed because we humbly give our resources to those in need.

Every time someone says yes to God to serve, we are allowing Him to move.

7. Where do you sense God asking you to be generous? How can that generosity help others see Jesus?

Humility doesn't seek praise from others, humility trusts God's timing and through humility we know when to give, receive and serve others especially when things don't go our way.

8. Where do you need to seek humility in your life?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for showing us that true humility is not seeking praise from others, and that we can trust your timing and that your Holy Spirit can guide us on when to give and receive and prompt us when to serve others. Help us do these things in order to serve like Jesus and expect nothing in return. Let our life portray it's all about your glory and not what we have done. Thank you Jesus for what you have done for us. Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ Pray and ask God who He would have you invite to Easter services next week at Cross Point. Ask God to soften the hearts of those you ask so they would be willing to come and hear the good news of Jesus.

+ Take inventory of how humility plays out in your life. Ask these questions:

Am I seeking praise from others?

Am I trusting your timing God?

Am I open to receive when needed and give when needed?

Come back next week ready to talk about humility in your life.

+ During Holy Week take communion with your group to remember what God has done in your lives. A communion guide can be found [HERE](#)

+ Continue reading the [Mark Study](#) during Holy Week.