

“Following Jesus”
Palm Sunday 2025
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Key Truth: Only those who follow Jesus by faith are healed of their spiritual blindness.

As Jesus prepares to enter Jerusalem, he’s accompanied by a great crowd who hail him as the Messiah. For Jesus, time is getting short; he’s about to complete his saving work. Yet, for the people who’ve either heard about or witnessed his miracles, they think Jesus is just getting started. While on the way, Jesus meets two blind men who cry out for healing. The same crowd that shouts their accolades to the Messiah, exhorts these two men to be silent. But these men won’t be silent. They cry out to Jesus and he heals them. They immediately follow the Lord. The shouting crowd follows Jesus because they’ve *heard* of Jesus’ miracles. The two men follow because they’ve *experienced* his miracles. Why do we follow the Lord?

DISCUSS

Read **Matthew 20:29-21:11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **“Following Jesus.”**

DIG IN

1. Following Jesus near Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:1-9)

What does Jesus instruct his disciples to do (21:1-3)? In what ways does this fulfil Scripture?

How did the Crowd react to this? In what ways does this fulfill Scripture (see Psalm 118:25-26)?

In what ways were the Israelites looking for salvation (“Hosanna” means, “Save now.”)? Is this the salvation Jesus came to bring then? Why or why not?

2. Following Jesus while entering Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:10-11)

What was the reaction of the Israelites in Jerusalem when Jesus and the crowd entered (21:10)?

What was the response of those who knew Jesus (21:11)? How did they know Jesus and his miracles (see Luke 19:37; John 12:17-18)?

3. Following Jesus out of Jericho. (Matthew 20:29-34)

What did the two blind men want from Jesus (20:30)? How did Jesus respond?

What did the crowd respond to the two blind men (20:31)? What does this tell you about what was driving the crowd?

What led the blind men to follow Jesus? What can we learn from these two men about following by faith?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?