

**Scene 1** <sup>17</sup> Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

**Scene 2** <sup>20</sup> Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup> “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and <sup>22</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup> When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Scene 3** <sup>29</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. <sup>30</sup> Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” <sup>31</sup> The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” <sup>32</sup> Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. <sup>33</sup> “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

**Scene 4** <sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet (Zechariah): <sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**Scene 1 – Jesus Predicts His Death (Matt 20:17-19)**

- A. Jesus’ knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ does not spare Him from \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Announcing our \_\_\_\_\_ commits us to our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scene 2 – A Mother Promotes Her Sons (Matt 20:20-28)**

- A. Greatness is gained through \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Significance comes through \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scene 3 – Two Blind Men Receive Sight (Matt 20:29-34)**

- A. Help is at \_\_\_\_\_, what can Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you with?
- B. Seeing Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

**Scene 4 – Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ opinion is not as important as \_\_\_\_\_ opinion.
- B. Is Jesus seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_?

**Life Group Ice Breaker**

- 1. What is something positive for you that has come from the Shelter in Place order?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Have you ever announced a plan to someone else, which later helped hold you accountable to your plan? Explain.
4. From today's teaching, what things have you discovered about our faith that are counter-cultural?
5. Theologians often refer to Palm Sunday as "Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem." What does this expression signify?

## Application Questions & Prayer

6. What leadership principles from this sermon are applicable to how we are to respond to the coronavirus threat?
7. In what ways are front-line essential workers like Jesus? How are you using this Shelter in Place order to be Jesus to others?
8. Pray for opportunities to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus to neighbors, family and friends.