

## **Series: Miracle Maker**

### **Palm Sunday**

**John 11:38-44 and John 12:12-19**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As we begin Holy Week we study another miracle, the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Through this miracle Jesus that tells us more about who he is. This miracle also helps to explain why people are celebrating his entrance into Jerusalem. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life and the word spreads about him and people are moved to welcome him with praise and excitement but little do they know what the week will bring.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. In this time of social distancing what are two things you have come to miss about life before Covid-19? What are two things that you are thankful that this time has given you?
2. Read John 11:38-40 when Jesus is telling them to remove the stone from Lazarus's tomb.
  - Martha questions Jesus about what he is about to do. Think of a time when you questioned God and God's plan. Now looking back where do you see God's hand moving amid your questions?
3. Read John 11:41-42 when Jesus is praying to God.
  - Jesus prays to God and he trusts that God hears him. What are some of the ways that you pray to God?
4. Read John 11:43-44 Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb by name and then tells the crowd to "Unbind him, and let him go."
  - Jesus calls Lazarus by name and restores him to life. What is one thing that God is calling you to let go of so that you can experience a fuller life in him?
5. Read John 12:12-19 Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Throughout these miracles Jesus shows us who he is. What are some of the names you use for Jesus? How do those names help you understand who he is?
6. After Lazarus was raised from the dead many people were interested in knowing more about who Jesus is. This is why they welcome him with shouts of praise and hosanna! Name two reasons why you give praise to Jesus today.

#### **KEEPING IN STEP**

Throughout this Holy Week we will journey with Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem, to an upper room, to the cross and to the tomb. Each day throughout this week I encourage you to continue to reflect on question 5. In every worship service we will find out more about who Jesus is. Who does Jesus show that he is on Thursday? Who does Jesus show that he is on Friday? Who is Jesus on Sunday? In naming who Jesus is how does that help you know who you are as his child?