

## Friend of Sinners Humble

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Common \_\_\_\_\_ with our ego:

1. It's a gaping \_\_\_\_\_ that needs to be filled.
2. The misery of our ego loves \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It's always diligently asking, " \_\_\_\_\_?"

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Blessed is the king of Israel!" **John 12:12-13, NIV**

<sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. **John 2:24-25, NIV**

There are always people willing to \_\_\_\_\_ our ego.

Jesus knows: People's hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

Human \_\_\_\_\_ are no place to build an identity.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey's colt." **John 12:14-15, NIV**

<sup>45</sup> "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10:45, NIV**

Jesus is a glorious \_\_\_\_\_ who fulfills the promises of scripture by coming as a humble \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. **John 12:16, NIV**

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. **1 Corinthians 1:25, NIV**

The ways of God are not \_\_\_\_\_ to the minds of men. Naturally, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to God's truths.

Thank God, he sends us his Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ our eyes and minds.

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. **John 12:17-18, NIV**

Who will I \_\_\_\_\_ to CrossWalk's online Easter services?

### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>45</sup> "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10:45, NIV**

**My next step:** I will pray for and invest in my family and friends by inviting them to [cwlk.online.church](http://cwlk.online.church) for Easter.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

# Impact Group Questions

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**Getting Started:** What different parades have you gone to in your life? When you went to a parade as a child(or adult) what was your favorite thing about them?

### Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, **“What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?”** Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your sermon notes to class each week to help you remember.

### Back to Sunday:

#### Read: John 12:12-18

When Jesus was first tempted by Satan he was tempted to be *self-serving*. He was tempted to turn stones to bread to satisfy himself, to “put God to the test” by jumping from the temple and finally to bow down to Satan in order to “gain the world.” Jesus passed the test! How was Palm Sunday another temptation for Jesus to be self-centered?

How did Jesus pass this test with humility?

One author states, “Humility is not necessarily thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less often” Do you like the definition? Why or why not?

What are some times/days in our life when we are tempted to make everything about “me”? How does a lack of humility ruin these times?

How does Jesus’ humility give you the victory in your battle of self-centeredness?

What are some tools you can use to foster humility in your heart?

### Doing Life Together:

CrossWalk is hosting a Safe Egg Hunt. Here is how it works. Go to our church website and download a pattern for an Easter Egg. Decorate it and put it in a window visible to the road by 8 am on Easter. Kids can walk with their parents on Easter and find the eggs on homes, fill out a form of where they saw them and win prizes. The more people who take part, the more fun it will be!

### My Next Step:

A hidden blessing from being unable to meet in person for worship is that you can invite almost anyone in the world to Easter worship! Pray for someone you know who doesn’t know Jesus. Go to CrossWalk’s Facebook page to find an invitation to send/share with people you want to invite!

### Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise from above. Set aside about 10 minutes so it doesn’t feel rushed.

### Friendship:

Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don’t know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.

### Reminders:

You will need to stay in touch through many online avenues. Make sure you receive the weekly email (register at [www.cwlk.church](http://www.cwlk.church) all the way at the bottom of the page), keep coming to a virtual group, consider Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as ways to stay in touch.