

The Arm of the Lord | Isaiah 52:13-53:3
Sermon Discussion Questions
4/14/19

1. This week's message focused on Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. As you begin your time together, share some of the impressions and thoughts you've had about Palm Sunday before today. What about the picture of Jesus riding in on a donkey with the crowds cheering, catches your attention? Why?
2. Pastor Jim pointed out that while it's called the Triumphal Entry, many of the details presented in Scripture don't sound all that triumphant. What are some examples of that? In what ways was Jesus' ride into Jerusalem not your typical celebration?
3. In Isaiah 52:10 we read that God is going to uncover his holy arm, to reveal it to the world. When we get to Isaiah 52:13-53:3 we get a picture of what "God's holy arm" represented. What did those verses reveal?
4. Often times we read Scripture like this and can't understand how the crowds and people missed who Jesus was. But, as Pastor Jim pointed out, if we consider the circumstances we can see how we might have done the same thing. Go back to the verses that describe this coming Savior, this Arm of God and discuss how the Jesus they knew was seen by people. How might it have looked if Jesus appeared to us today in such a way? What would it look like and how might we have reacted?
5. Pastor Jim explained that the issue here was people focusing on the wrong thing. They were looking at the wrong things like appearance, position and outward power. But that wasn't where the strength of God's arm resided. What is the actual strength that Jesus had? How did he display it?
6. The ability to obey, to faithfully do as God the Father instructed is the true strength of God's strong arm. What does this mean for us? As you close your time today, take a moment to reflect on the application of this message. Are you in need of salvation from the devastating effects of sin? Are you being called by God into deeper relationship with Him? Are you ready and willing to tell God, "Not my will but yours be done"? Take sometime to pray and encourage each other.