APRIL 5, 2020 • DAVID SMITH Tears, a Colt, a King and a Stone

As Christ-followers, we don't just show the way, we lead the way. But what does it look like for all of us to lead? How do we lead from where God has us right now? Let's look at some real-life examples from the Bible and learn how it's done.



INTRODUCTION

Pastor David recounted the story of Palm Sunday and told us that the people shouted 'Hosanna,' or 'Save Us' as he entered the city of Jerusalem. He reminded us that Jesus wept over the city and also weeps when we are superficial with him.

STARTER QUESTION

What does the word "superficial" mean to you? In what ways might we at times display a superficial faith? Can you think of some reasons why Jesus would weep over some people having this "on the surface only" type of faith?

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 118:15 reads, "Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: 'The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things.' " In these uncertain times when we are not able to gather with other believers, how can you worship him more?

Pastor David opens his sermon with a picture of the Grand Canyon. Even though he has never been there, he has faith that it exists because of first-hand accounts, pictures, stories, etc. Read Hebrews11:27. Can you give an example of how our faith is believing God's Word? Name a few ways in which we can more clearly see Him at work in our life when we use a lens of faith.

Read John 20:24-29 about Thomas, the doubter. How might you convince a non-believer that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and died on the cross for us?

APPLICATION

Pastor David said, "Faith might mean you don't miss this moment." Think about that for a minute. What does that mean to you? How can you increase your faith in this way?

Pastor David said that we may want to untie or remove some things in our lives in order to focus more on living our faith. Are there things in your life that the Lord may be leading you to untie so that Jesus and His sacrifice for you can be more of a focus and priority?

PRAYER

Take a moment in prayer to ask God to help you turn away from distractions that lead to fear and instead ask Him to ENTER your life as your King, Lord and personal Savior.