

3. Review Malachi 3:1. What's the significance of the Temple's being described as *his* Temple?

4. Review Psalm 118:22-24. How was this fulfilled in Jesus?

5. **What would it look like for you to welcome God's work in your life *and* accept that he will do it in his way?**

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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Growth Guide

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TODAY'S MESSAGE FAITHFULNESS

TODAY: FAITHFULNESS • MARK 11:1-11 & PSALM 118

THE BOTTOM LINE

**GOD IS ALWAYS _____
—JUST NOT ALWAYS THE WAY
WE _____.**

The stone that the builders rejected has now become
the cornerstone. — Psalm 118:22 NLT

King & Cross: The Messiah or Christ was the promised kingly representative of God through whom God would set his people free and put things right. But Jesus is the king who unexpectedly secures victory through the cross.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
— Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB

Worship is acknowledging God as King in every aspect of our lives. His ways are often counterintuitive and countercultural.

Want to understand more? Get insights from some of the same sources Pastor Brian is reading for this message and series:

- Keller, Timothy. Jesus the King (paperback; hardcover published with the title King's Cross). Penguin Books.
- Wright, N. T.. Mark for Everyone (The New Testament for Everyone). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.
- Mays, James L.. Psalms (Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

THE KING...ON A COLT

The manner of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem reflects Zechariah 9:9. (See the chapter titled "The Temple" in Tim Keller's Jesus the King or King's Cross.)

Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields.

— Mark 11:8 NLT

"You don't spread cloaks on the road - especially in the dusty, stony Middle East! - for a friend, or even a respected senior member of your family. You do it for royalty." (Wright) Palm branches were like national flags, waved for kings and to celebrate national victory.

Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in the highest

heaven!" — Mark 11:9-10 NLT

"Hosanna!" ("Praise God!" And "Save Us!") begins their exclamation and shows up in Psalm 118 also. "The sentence that follows means, literally, 'Blessed is the one who comes'; but in Hebrew and Aramaic that's the way you say 'welcome.'" (Wright)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. — Psalm 118:1 & 29 NLT

"Faithful love" is hesed.

MY DISTRESS...AND GOD'S WORK

In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free. — Psalm 118:5 NLT

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord. — Psalm 118:19

So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples. — Mark 11:11 NLT

"Look! I'm sending my messenger on ahead to clear the way for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, the Leader you've been looking for will enter his Temple— — Malachi 3:1a MSG

Mark uses Malachi 3:1 to explain John the Baptist's role in Mark 1:2 at the beginning of the first major section of the Gospel of Mark, and now the thought is picked up at the beginning of the second major section.

HE ALWAYS COMES THROUGH—JUST NOT ALWAYS THE WAY WE EXPECT

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad it it. — Psalm 118:22-24

DON'T MISS THE DAY GOD WORKS BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE WAY YOU EXPECT

For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. — 2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT

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THE CHALLENGE

**ASK WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO
JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE?**

God's work done God's way.

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the questions highlighted in **bold**.

1. Psalm 118:5 (NLT) says, "In my distress I prayed to the Lord..." What is causing you distress lately?

2. How would you describe the tension between trusting in the Lord and leaning on your own understanding? (Proverbs 3:5-6)