

HOME DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week of April 19th - April 25th, 2026

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Daily Verse: John 12:12-16

Weekly Catechism

12. Q. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; (Gal. 3:12) forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death. (Gen. 2:17)

Spurgeon, C. H. *A Catechism, With Proofs*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009.

Sermon Notes

John 12:12–16 – “The Triumphal Entry

1. Jesus is the _____ of all kings.

- Earthly kings rise and fall, but Jesus reigns _____.
- He is not just a great man in history – He is the eternal _____.

2. Jesus is both the _____ and the _____.

- The Lion shows His _____ and authority.
- The Lamb shows His sacrifice and _____.
- In Jesus, we see victory through _____.

3. The crowd wanted a political _____, but Jesus came as a spiritual _____.

- The palm branches symbolized hoped-for _____.
- But Jesus rode on a _____, showing humility and peace.
- He came first to deal with _____ before conquering all things.

4. Jesus came first in _____, but He will return in _____.

- At His first coming, He came as the _____.
- At His second coming, He will come as the _____.
- He is the King of kings and Lord of _____.

Application

- Will you stand with the _____ or with _____?
- Trust the King who conquered through _____ and will return in _____.

Referenced Bible Verses

- - Revelation 5:1–4 — “Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.”
- - Revelation 5:5 — “And one of the elders said to me, ‘Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’”
- - Romans 8:3 — “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,”
- - Revelation 5:6 — “And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”
- - Isaiah 53:7 — “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.”
- - John 1:29 — “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”
- - Revelation 5:7 — “And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.”
- - Revelation 5:7–8 — “And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”
- - John 17:5 — “And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”
- - Revelation 7:9–17 — “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying

Monday, April 19th, 2026

✓ Daily Verse: John 12:13

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ **DEVOTIONAL**

History remembers many kings for their power, their victories, and their influence. Some built nations, some conquered enemies, and some left behind monuments and legends. Yet every earthly ruler eventually fades. Their kingdoms weaken, their names become lines in textbooks, and their glory passes with time. Jesus is not like them. He is not simply one more king among many. He is the King of kings—the eternal ruler whose reign never ends.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd cried out in celebration, but many still misunderstood what kind of King He was. They wanted a ruler who would fix the world around them immediately. Jesus came to do something deeper. He came to rescue people from sin, death, and judgment. He is the King who came in humility, but He reigns in unmatched authority. To know Jesus rightly is to see that He is not only useful in times of trouble—He is worthy of worship at all times.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How is Jesus different from every earthly leader or authority figure?
2. In what ways am I tempted to want Jesus to serve my agenda instead of submitting to His rule?
3. What does it mean for me personally to call Jesus “King”?

Pray Over:

- A deeper reverence for Jesus as the true and eternal King.
- A heart that submits to Christ’s rule rather than resisting it.

Tuesday, April 20th, 2026

Daily Verse: Revelation 5:5-6

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

One of the most beautiful pictures in Scripture is that Jesus is both Lion and Lamb. He is the Lion of Judah—strong, royal, victorious, and mighty over every enemy. Yet when John looks, he sees a Lamb standing as though slain. This is the mystery and majesty of the gospel: Jesus wins through sacrifice. His strength is not diminished by His suffering; it is revealed through it. At the cross, what looked like defeat became the greatest victory in history.

This changes how we understand power. The world admires force, control, and dominance. But God displays His power through holy love, willing sacrifice, and perfect obedience. Jesus did not stop being mighty when He went to the cross. He showed that true strength is able to bear suffering, defeat sin, and overcome death. Because He is the Lamb who was slain and the Lion who conquered, we can trust Him both to save us and to rule over all things.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why is it important that Jesus is both Lion and Lamb?
2. How does the cross redefine the way I think about power and victory?
3. Where do I need to trust Christ's strength in my weakness today?

Pray Over:

- Gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- Confidence in Christ's power over sin, death, and fear.

Wednesday, April 21st, 2026

Fellowship Night @ 7pm at Republic Pickleball Courts

Thursday, April 22nd, 2026

Daily Verse: John 12:14-15

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

The crowd welcomed Jesus with palm branches, symbols of victory and liberation. They were ready for a political deliverer, someone who would overthrow oppression and restore national strength. But Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, not a war horse. His arrival announced peace, humility, and a mission far greater than political change. He came not first to crush Rome, but to go to the cross. He came to deal with the deeper enemy—sin.

That matters for us because we often want Jesus to fix visible problems while leaving the deeper parts of our hearts untouched. We want relief, but He comes to bring redemption. We want immediate change around us, but He begins by transforming us within. The donkey reminds us that Jesus' ways are not weak, only different from the world's expectations. His humility was not the absence of power; it was power under control, moving steadily toward the cross for our salvation.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What kind of deliverance do I most often want from Jesus?
2. How does the image of Jesus on a donkey challenge worldly ideas of power?
3. What deeper work may Jesus want to do in my heart before changing my circumstances?

Pray Over:

- Humility to receive Jesus on His terms, not merely my own expectations.
- A willing heart to let Christ address the deeper issues of sin within me.

Friday, April 23rd, 2026

Daily Verse: Revelation 19:16

Review Weekly Catechism

DEVOTIONAL

Jesus' first coming was marked by meekness, suffering, and sacrifice. But Scripture makes clear that this is not the final picture. The same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey will one day return on a white horse. He will come openly in power, righteousness, and glory. He will judge evil, establish justice, and bring the fullness of His kingdom. The Lamb who was slain is also the King who will reign visibly over all.

This future gives believers courage in the present. Evil does not win forever. Injustice does not have the last word. Death is not final for those who belong to Christ. Every wrong will be answered, every tear will be addressed, and every enemy of God will fall before Him. The question the sermon leaves us with is deeply personal: will you stand with the redeemed or with death? To belong to Jesus now is to await His return with hope, not fear. The King is coming again.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does the promise of Christ's return shape the way I live today?
2. What areas of fear or discouragement need to be brought under the hope of His coming kingdom?
3. Am I living as someone who truly believes Jesus will return in glory?

Pray Over:

- Readiness and faithfulness as you wait for Christ's return.
- Bold hope in the final victory and justice of King Jesus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am



WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND

Fellowship Night at Pickleball Courts

7:00pm

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

Mommy and Me - Gooseberry Bridge Farm

10am - Noon



SUNDAY APRIL 26TH

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

12:30pm - Family Camp Informational Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 3RD

Morning Services

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm