Jesus constantly surprised the people of His day, behaving in ways they didn't expect. The triumphal entry is another example of this. The people were looking for a conquering king, yet Jesus rode into Jerusalem peacefully on a young colt. Let's look at how Jesus calls us to live in our own day, following the example He set.

Read: Luke 19:28-44; Philippians 2:1-11

How does Paul describe Jesus' attitude toward His own death in Philippians 2?

How do we see that attitude demonstrated in Jesus' behavior in Luke 19, as he was entering into a city full of people who wanted to kill him?

How did he enter Jerusalem? Did he come in quietly to avoid detection by those plotting against him?

How do we see Christ's humility in His obedience, especially His obedience to death?

How should the humility of Jesus shape our own behavior?

How should the humility of Jesus shape our relationships with others?

Paul described Christ-like behavior in part in the passage in Philippians as doing nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, valuing others above yourself, and not looking to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

How do you see Jesus embody these specific characteristics in the passage in Luke?

Make it personal:

Is there something God is calling you to that you need to respond to in obedience?

Is there a relationship in your life in which you need to display the humility of Christ?

What are the barriers to your obedience in those situations: fear, selfishness, conceit, something else?

How can Jesus' example give you the courage to obey what God is asking of you?

If you feel comfortable, share with your small group or a trusted friend. Ask them to pray for you in that process.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for sending Jesus to earth as a perfect example of obedience and humility. Help me to follow Him in that example, doing less and less out of selfishness, and more out of love for others. Shape my heart to be more like His, and train my eyes to people like see like He sees them.

Amen.