

“Giving Up Our Pride”
[Matthew 21:1-11](#)
Sermon Discussion Questions

Hope Fellowship
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Getting Started

1. Read [Matthew 21:1-11](#). What does the picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey tell you about the kind of Lord that he is and the kind of person he invites you to be?

2. According to John Maxwell, “there are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. The ‘good pride’ represents our dignity and self-respect. ‘Bad pride’ is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance.”
 - a. Mention some examples of “good pride” in your life.

 - b. Share and discuss some instances of bad pride where you have caught yourself proudly thinking or saying “I know” or “I will” or “I am.”

 - c. Share and discuss some instances of humility where you have humbly thought or said, “You know” or “The Lord willing” or “Who am I?”

3. Is it possible to be both confident and humble? What would that look and sound like? Do you know anyone who has effectively combined the two?

4. In Naaman’s case ([II Kings 5](#)), pride almost prevented him being healed. What negative consequences has pride caused in your life?

Going Deeper

1. According to Sunday’s message, giving up our pride involves
 - Acknowledging that God is the great “I Am”
 - Admitting that “I am not” (in fact, if I’m anything, “I am the worst of sinners” ([I Timothy 1:15](#)))
 - Taking a praise-filled, self-effacing approach to life
 - Embracing the servant role that Jesus modeled for us
 - a. Which of these do you struggle with the most?

 - b. Do you find it easy or hard to apologize or seek help?
Are these pride issues, too?

2. Read [James 4:13-17](#). How familiar are you with the acronym “D.V.” (Deo Volente)? Could you see yourself adding the phrase “the Lord willing and health permitting” when discussing your plans with others? What benefit would there be in doing that, for you and for others listening to you?

3. Getting back to Jesus riding into Jerusalem, what do you think of Joe McClane’s personal motto: “To Be The Donkey Jesus Rides Today”?

4. As you enter Holy Week and prepare to celebrate both Good Friday (6:30 pm) and Easter (9 and 11 am), is there anything you need to do as a result of what you’ve learned this week about human pride and Christ’s humility?