

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. Read Luke 1:1-4 and John 21:24-25. What does it mean that the Gospels record the eyewitness testimony of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus? What confidence does this give us concerning the truth of the Gospel?
2. What does the word "messiah" mean? Who did the people of Israel expect the Messiah to be?
3. What role did hope play in the spiritual life of Israel before the coming of the Messiah?
4. Read Matthew 21:1-9. How is the triumphal entry the fulfillment of prophecy in Zechariah 9:9?
5. Read Zechariah 9:10 and Romans 5:1-2. How has Jesus given us peace?
6. Read Zechariah 9:12. How has Jesus set us free to become "prisoners of hope"?
7. As we look back on the eyewitness testimony of Jesus' first coming, what role does hope play in our lives as we wait for Jesus to come again?