

▼ **Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

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▼ **Opening Material**

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- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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▼ **Thoughts**

▼ **Video**

- [Chase: We Talkin' Bout Cashbacking I Chase Freedom Unlimited](#) - YouTube (00:00:30)
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▼ **Acts 2:42-43 - The 4 Devotions:**

- The apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer

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► Setting the Stage

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- Are you “worded up”?
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- The events surrounding Jesus' entry into Jerusalem contain references to psalm 118.
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▼ **Lessons**

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- Jesus saw himself as Israel's King fulfilling scripture.

- ▼ Jesus knows that the Jews will ultimately reject him, rebel against Rome, and suffer the consequences.

▼ Their reasoning would be:

- Surely we are God's chosen people.
- God doesn't want his chosen people to be ruled by Rome.
- We must therefore overthrow Rome in order to accomplish God's will for us as a people.

▼ Their reasoning should have been:

- We are God's chosen people.
- God has sent his Messiah to show us how to achieve the purpose for which we were chosen.
- We must repent and obey the Messiah.

▼ **Life Group**

▼ **Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)**

- [Icebreaker](#)

- **Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)**

▼ **Word - Discussion Questions**

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- **What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?**
- **What does this passage mean to you?**
- **How will you apply this passage this coming week?**

▼ **Witness**

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

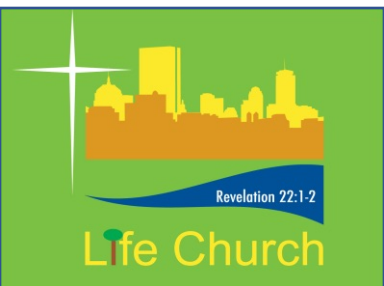
▼ **Explore the Harvest Skills in the Training Page “Big Blueprint” diagram.**

- ▼ What level are you at with these?
 - Are you a “wanderer”, “follower”, “achiever”, or a “leader”?
 - What’s your plan for developing these skills?
- **Pray for the unchurched people you’ve been identifying.**



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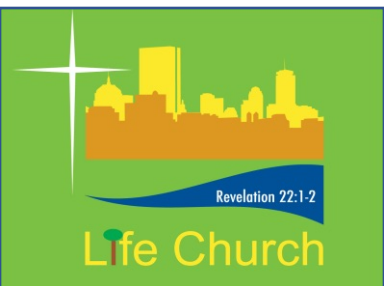
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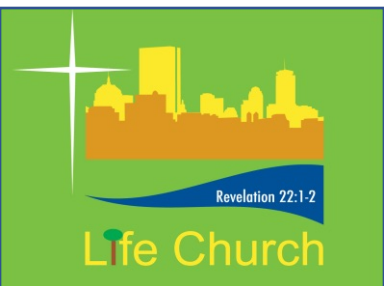
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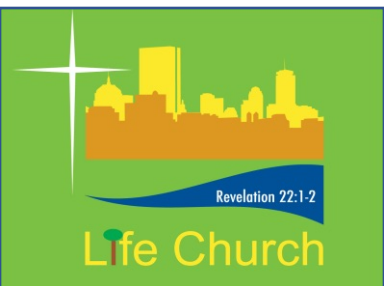
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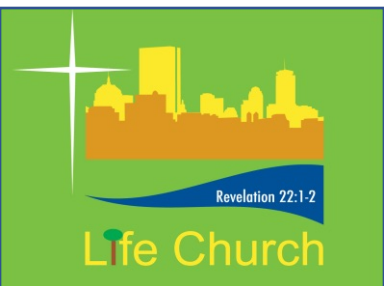
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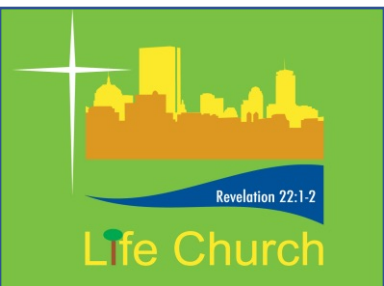
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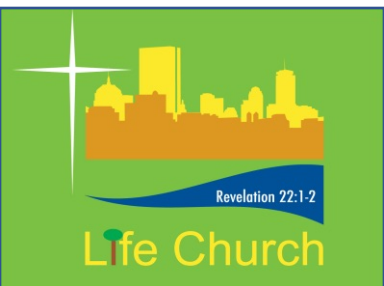


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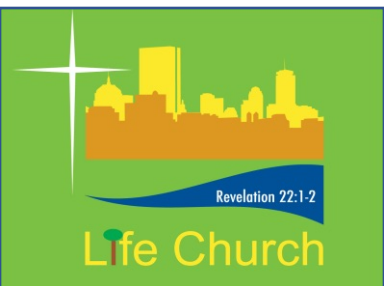


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