

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Palm Sunday - John 12:12-19 - "The King We All Need"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where a crowd of people gathered (and grew) to see some sort of a spectacle?
What was the situation, and what seemed to be the motivation for people gathering? (i.e. curiosity, entertainment, etc.)
How about you - did you join those gathering and, if so, what was your motivation in doing so?
3. Consider Jesus' life during "Holy Week" and how the cries of the people go from "Save Now, we pray" to "crucify" in a few days.
How does having an unrealistic picture of Jesus lead to unmet expectations and result in this kind of outcome?
How do we combat the tendency in our flesh to come to Jesus for what we WANT and overlook His provision of our needs?
As we're now in "Holy Week" - is the Lord calling you to focus on how Jesus' work during this week impacts your life?
Do you feel called to thank the Lord in a specific way or convicted of sin and needing to realign your heart/actions?
4. Read through all four gospel accounts of the Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19).
How do each of these accounts demonstrate the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:25-26?
What are some of the similarities and differences in the details articulated in each account?
5. We see three different categories for people in this Palm Sunday narrative: The Pharisees, The Crowd, and The Disciples.
Prayerfully consider which you relate to most at this time (and if there are any attitudes that the Lord is calling you to repent of)

THE PHARISEES
Blinded by self-righteousness/religiosity.

THE CROWD
Curious but uncommitted/unconvinced.

THE DISCIPLES
Following Christ even without all answers.
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. **People cry out for what they want!**
Jesus saves us in the way we truly NEED!
 2. **Many here go from praise to condemnation!**
Don't let unmet expectations lead you astray!
 3. **Jesus' life elicits a response from everyone!**
Recognize who Jesus is & respond rightly!