

The King Presented John 12:12-19

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" NKJV

In our passage this morning we have jumped ahead several months from our passage last week in John chapter 8. Jesus is entering the final week of His life here in this world. He has much to do to prepare the disciples and fulfill all that the prophets have written of Him.

His popularity has been tremendous here in Jerusalem. Especially since several days before He had raised Lazarus from the dead after he had lain in the grave for four days. This last great sign which Jesus performed had now convinced many in Jerusalem that He was for sure the Messiah.

The fever pitch of the crowd grows to exuberance, as Jesus comes to Jerusalem by way of the Mount of Olives to enter Jerusalem and the temple through the eastern gate of the city. Various parts of this day are recorded in all four of the gospels. For a detailed study, you can use your harmony of the Gospels found in most study Bibles.

- I. The next day
 - A. 12. **On the next day**—the Lord's day, or Sunday (see JFB on "Joh 12:1"); the tenth day of the Jewish month Nisan, on which the paschal lamb was set apart to be "kept up until the fourteenth day of the same month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel were to kill it in the evening" (#Ex 12:3,6). Even so, from the day of this solemn entry into Jerusalem, "Christ our Passover" was virtually set apart to be "sacrificed for us" (#1Co 5:7). JFB
 - B. 1 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
- II. They heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
 - A. It is a week before Passover, for which many people have come to Jerusalem to worship according to the law of Moses
- III. They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him

- A. Le 23:40 `And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.
- IV. They cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"
 - A. Psalms 118:25-26 (NKJV) 25 Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- V. When He had found a young donkey, sat on it;
 - A. From the other gospels we learn that this was the colt of a donkey on which no one had ever ridden.
- VI. As it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."
 - A. Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV) "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.
- VII. His disciples did not understand
 - A. At first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.
 - B. How often we do not understand the things that God is doing in our lives.
 - C. But in time we shall, if we will but continue to trust in Him.
- VIII. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.
 - A. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.
- IX. "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"
 - A. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves,
 - B. This of course was a figure of speech and a cry of desperation on their part.
 - C. By weeks end, they will have their way and the King, their King will be in the tomb.
 - D. When we reject God's perfect plan for our lives we put the King in a tomb.
 - E. But Sunday's coming.
 - F. Maybe you can let the king out of the tomb in your own life, and place Him back on the throne that is rightfully His.

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