

## Sermon Follow-up | April 5, 2020

### **4 Gospels** — John: The Triumphal Entry

*Focus Passage:* John 12:1–2, 9–26

*Additional Context:* John 11:1–44

**Corollary Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40

*Other Passages Referenced:*

**Sermon Recap:** The sermon began with an illustration suggesting that the mode of transportation we use can make a statement about who we are or about our importance. That Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey made a statement about Him and His Kingdom, and it was not what people were generally expecting of their Messiah King. By acclaiming Jesus as King and calling for Him to save them, the people were making overtly political statements that opposed their Roman occupiers. They were not thinking of being delivered and saved from their sins. In fact, the people praising Jesus as King completely misunderstood the kind of King He was and the kind of Kingdom He was inaugurating. We need to ask ourselves, “What kind of King are we expecting Jesus to be?” For example: Do we want a king that simply rescues us from our circumstances, or do we want a king that will rescue us from our sin? ... Do we want a king that defeats our enemies or a king that defeats death? Jesus may not be the king that the people, or we ourselves, expected or wanted, but He is the king we all need.

### Introductory Comments

- **Food Drive** — We are scheduling a food drive at the Chapel on April 18th to help Community of Faith Missions collect food, personal hygiene items, and baby supplies to help local service groups meet the needs in the community. This would be a great opportunity for small groups to get involved with collecting and donating food, etc. Tentative time for accepting food and other items at the Chapel on the 18<sup>th</sup> is tentatively slated for between 10 AM to 2 PM.
- **Hosanna** — The term “hosanna,” originally a transliteration of the identical Hebrew expression (lit., “give salvation now,” “O save!”; cf. 2 Sam. 14:4; 2 Kings 6:26), had become a general expression of (festal) acclamation or praise (cf. Matt. 21:9; Mark 11:9–10).<sup>1</sup>
- **The Donkey** — During the time of Jesus and back through ancient Israel, the donkey was a symbol of both humility and peace.

### Group Gathering Interaction

#### **Connect:** *Making Honest Connections with One Another (Pick one)*

1. Please share briefly one of the following:
  - a. What was the first vehicle you had that was “your own” to drive? What did it convey about you or what were you hoping to convey?
  - b. Where have you found joy this week?
  - c. What has God been saying to you through His word, the sermon, or other people?

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<sup>1</sup> Andreas J. Köstenberger, “[John](#),” in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI; Nottingham, UK: Baker Academic; Apollos, 2007), 471.

## *Grow: Listening to and Learning from God's Word*

### **Read John 12:12–23**

1. Why had so many people gathered to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem with such adulation? (John 12:9, 17–18)
2. In John we see Jesus riding on a donkey as fulfilling what was written in Zechariah 9:9. Read Zechariah 9:9–11 and reflect on how Jesus relates to those three verses.
3. What is the significance of John 12:23 in relation to John 2:4; 4:21, 21; 7:30; and 8:20?

### *Serve: Serving King Jesus and Others, By Living Out and Letting Others Know God's Word*

1. Have you found at times that Jesus does not fit into the mold of how you had perceived Him to be? Can you share an experience where you found Jesus to be not the King you wanted but definitely the King you needed?
2. John admits in John 12:16, “His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.” Have you ever had a confusing experience that the LORD later made understandable through a particular passage from the Bible?
3. Ask the LORD to speak to you about your current posture of humility, worship, and surrender. What are you hearing Him say to you?
4. Have you found any new ways to reach out and serve neighbors that you could share with your group? Please share them with so Dale he can share ideas with other groups too.

### **Further Resources**

- Bible Project –
  - John Part 2 – <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/181310?episode=47>
- Illustrations and quotes from the sermon can be found on the “Sermon Slides” link at the bottom of [www.wcchapel.org](http://www.wcchapel.org)