

103121 Growth Group Study

Your King Comes

John 12:12-22



Background:

Jesus now enters Jerusalem as the great king. However, he rides on a donkey, not a war horse. He is not surrounded by an army or by captured slaves, and yet, the crowds still lay down palm branches and shout “Hosanna.” They think he will be a national liberator. Yet he rides in on a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah’s prophecy as one who brings “peace to the nations,” not who conquers the nations (Zech 9:10). Indeed, here comes our king, and he will be a kind of king the world has never seen. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Palm Sunday in October.

Sermon Text (ESV):

John 12:12-22

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

*15 “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”*

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - From this passage/Shawn’s sermon, other Scripture, or your own experience, how is Jesus the True King, different from earthly kings?
 - Jesus chose to come in peace to bring life (vs. most kings who come in destruction & death). Shawn gave some examples of how we can “come in peace” today in our spheres of influence. What would that look like for you in your workplace, home, community, etc.?
 - What implications for your life are there because:
 - ALL authority under heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus?
 - Jesus reigns through you and me, and invites us to submit to His authority in ALL areas of our life?

- We need not fear, but can go with great courage in life in Jesus's upside down kingdom?