

Summary

This week, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, we turn to a familiar passage in John 12:12-28, where we see the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus foretelling His own death.

Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem for the Passover, and large crowds gather to see Him. As He enters the city riding on a donkey, He is greeted with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna!

Having just raised Lazarus from the dead, Jesus' following had grown significantly, much to the dismay of the Pharisees.

When some visiting Greeks ask the disciples to see Jesus, He responds by talking about His coming death and glorification. He uses the image of a kernel of wheat to illustrate how death leads to multiplication. In doing so, He calls them not to value this present life, but to follow Him looking ahead to the (eternal) life to come and the honor given by His Father.

In this moment, a contrast begins to unfold between the casual "Hosanna" crowd and those who are willing to follow Him as sacrificial servants.

Upcoming Events

- **HOLY WEEK**

March 29th - April 5th

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**Group Discussion**

1. Did anything in the sermon clarify something for you, catch your attention, challenge you, or leave you confused?

Read John 12:12-28

2. In what ways might we, like the crowd, misunderstand who Jesus is or what He came to do?

3. What did Jesus mean in verses 23 and 24?

4. How does Jesus call His followers to live out the principle described in verses 25-26?

5. As you reflect on this passage and consider your own life, what areas need to be put to death so you can follow Jesus more faithfully?

6. What does it mean to you that Jesus showed his humanity as He wrestled with the will of the father (v27-28)?


Read Romans 10:9-10

7. How would you describe your current relationship with Jesus, and what needs to change for Him to truly be Lord of your life?

Devotion for this Week

As we reflect on Palm Sunday, we are reminded that it is possible to celebrate Jesus without fully surrendering to Him. The crowd welcomed Him with praise, yet many were drawn to what they hoped He would do for them rather than embracing who He truly is. Jesus makes it clear that following Him is not about comfort or admiration, but about surrender, where true life is found through dying to ourselves. Faith is revealed not in moments of excitement, but in a willingness to follow Him when it costs us something. This passage invites us to examine whether we are simply part of the crowd or truly committed disciples who trust Him with every part of our lives. This week, consider what areas of your life you may be holding onto and ask God for the courage to lay them down in obedience. Lord, help us move from shallow praise to deep surrender. Teach us to trust You fully, and lead us to follow You with a faith that is willing to give up everything for the sake of knowing You. In Jesus name, Amen!

Sermon Notes:



HOLY WEEK
A JOURNEY OF SACRIFICE, LOVE AND REDEMPTION

- **PALM SUNDAY**
March 29th // 8:30 + 10 + 11:30
- **PASSOVER SEDER (AT TBC SHEA)**
March 31st // 6:30pm
Passover Seder is a special meal that retells the story of how God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt under the leadership of Moses. **Registration is limited and on a first come first serve basis. [Register on our website.](#)**
- **GLOW IN THE DARK EGG HUNT**
April 1st // 6pm-8pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (OUTDOOR)**
April 3rd // 7pm
- **EASTER SUNDAY - Bridgekidz at 10 & 11:30**
April 5th // 6:30 + 8:30 + 10:00 + 11:30
** The 6:30am service will be a sunrise service in the Breezeway*