



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“JOHN 12:12-19”

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed affect your week?

### DISCOVER

What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

JOHN 12:12-19 This passage describes Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the anticipated Messiah – the One the Jewish nation had been hoping for! This provides an opportunity to look at what hope meant in their world and what it looks like in ours – where does our hope come from?

JOHN 12:12 – “The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.”

That ‘large crowd’ was made up of a variety of people who anticipated Jesus’ coming for different reasons. Part of being alive is experiencing struggles, challenges, conflict and disappointments – yearning for something more, something better...

- What words would you use to describe the various people groups that would have been in the crowd? What were the mental and emotional feelings/conditions/perspectives of each of the groups? What was on their minds?
- What were the people in the crowd looking for in Jesus? Why was this?
- Consider the ‘crowd’ around you today amidst the heartache and tragedy life brings; where does their hope come from? Are there many differences between the ‘crowd’ around you and the large crowd anticipating Jesus’ arrival? What is similar and what is different?
- Where does your hope come from? Read Psalm 121. How does this psalm encourage you and give you hope?

JOHN 12:19 Read this verse aloud..... “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

- Those words were spoken by the Pharisees; what did they mean – the world has gone after Him? WHY had the world gone after Him? How do you see the world going after Him today? What is similar and what is different between the times?

**JESUS IS KING!** Today’s passage begins to tell the story of the last week of Jesus’ life on earth, His journey toward the cross. And the cross changed EVERYTHING!

- Jason made the statement in his message “What went wrong at Creation was made RIGHT at the cross!” Unpack that statement as though you were explaining it to someone who did not know Jesus. WHY did the cross change everything?



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE CONT.

- JESUS IS KING OVER....
  - SALVATION – Why did the cross matter to you? What is the significance of these words in regard to Jesus' work on the cross? Sin.....guilt....death.....life.....judgment.....grace.....forgiveness.....mercy....
  - THE UNIVERSE – Read Colossians 1:15-20; how do you respond to these words about Christ? How do you wrap your mind around the fact that the Creator of the universe became a man and offered Himself up as an atonement for the sin of all mankind, on a cross? What words can you use to describe how this passage makes you feel about how the cross matters?
  - TIME – Jesus is King over TIME! What are the blessings and frustrations we can associate over the fact that Jesus is King over time?
- We are living in the time between the Resurrection of Jesus and the Return of Jesus as promised in Revelation. This 'time' is challenging, bewildering – it can be a mess! Until that day when Jesus returns, what should be our focus, our posture, our purpose as we move about our world? How will you love God and love people better this week?

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.