

Expectations

John 12:12-19

John Nichols

Part of The King of Everything

January 16, 2026

KINGS, PRIESTS, and PROPHETS were anointed for God-ordained ROLES.

John 12:12-19 – 12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! ” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just 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 had been written about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him. ”

Is it possible to celebrate Jesus in the streets while misunderstanding him entirely?

A donkey is LOWLY, HUMBLE, and SLOW.

Jesus redefines POWER, VICTORY, and KINGSHIP in a way that will disappoint MOST people.

The KING decides the OUTCOMES.

Jesus is NOT our KING when we decide what we want HIM

to do.

The JESUS we USE can be DISCARDED. JESUS, our KING, stays firm.

Taking Inventory on our View of Jesus:

What do I want Jesus to do right now?

Do I pray without an answer in mind?

Is my prayer a conversation or a presentation?

If Jesus says, “Wait,” or “No,” would I still call Him good?

Do I admit when I was wrong?

Small Group Questions

What stood out to you most from the sermon or the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem?

Why do you think the crowd was excited about Jesus?

What were they hoping He would do?

In what ways do we sometimes want Jesus to fix things instead of leading our lives?

Jesus came in on a donkey, not a warhorse.

What does that say to you about the kind of King Jesus is?

This week, what would it look like for you to trust Jesus more—even if He doesn’t do things the way you expect?