

Sermon Listening Guide (September 27, 2026)

Scripture: John 12:12-19

Sermon Title: “The King Enters Jerusalem”

First Thoughts

Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem showed him to be a different kind of king. Within the span of just a few days, he disappointed some but won many over. Palm Sunday is described in all four of the Gospels.

Be Prepared

The Palm Sunday story is full of details that give us a colorful picture of the day. Jesus rode a donkey colt into town as a show of both his kingship and his humility. On this day, Jesus cast off the “Messianic Secret” and loudly proclaimed exactly who he was. Jesus also showed his supreme control over matters.

The Entry

His immense popularity stemmed partially from his resurrection of Lazarus. Many in the crowd threw their cloak on the donkey or along the dusty road before the donkey. In verse 13, the people of Jerusalem declared him “King!” In waving palm branches, they again referred to his kingship.

The Tears

Interestingly, Jesus shed tears for Jerusalem in the Palm Sunday story in Luke 19. How many times did Jesus’ cry in the Gospels? How often did Jesus show great emotion in the Gospels? What words would you use to describe the Jesus of the four Gospels? Do you find Jesus working in your everyday life?

Conclusion

The New Testaments show many occasions when Jesus “arrived” on the scene. He will return one more time to gather his faithful people. As he chose us, we must choose him.