



TEXT: JOHN 12:12-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Women's Discipleship** – Kick-off event, Friday, January 10th, 6-7:30pm at the church building. Contact Shanon Cheney for more information. Register at redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps

Leading Off...

1. Why are we often quick to make snap judgments on people and events?
2. What criteria do you use to assess others?
3. In our text today in John 12, what snap judgment had the crowds made about Jesus?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the King.

Read John 12:12-16

4. What was the crowd actually calling for?
5. So, what did they misunderstand Jesus to be?
6. What was significant about Jesus riding into the city on a donkey?
7. How do we often miss God at work in our own lives through the ordinary and the mundane?
8. Share a time when you were blinded to God at work in the ordinary, throw-away moments.
9. How can we train our eyes to look for God at work in these ordinary ways?

Read John 12:17-22

10. How do these verses speak to us about worshipping and following Jesus for who He truly is, and not merely what we want Him to be?
11. How do these verses speak to the gospel being for all people, even those we may not like?

Read John 12:23-26

12. In verse 23, Jesus now says, "the hour has come". This marks a change from what He has said previously. What does He mean by this?
13. Verses 24-26 explain the gospel. What are some aspects of the gospel you see in these verses?

Read John 12:27-33

14. Why is Jesus so troubled?
15. These verses speak to the fact that many are deaf to the voice of the Lord. Why is it important to pray for the Spirit to give the grace of understanding to all who hear the gospel?
16. What do verses 32-33 speak to?

Wrapping Up

Read John 12:34-37

17. These verses give a sobering call to belief and repentance. Talk about the importance of the call of the gospel, while there is time.
18. Close by discussing this statement: *“Other kings receive glory by crushing their enemies. Jesus receives glory by being crushed for His enemies.”*