



Title: Raised to Life-The Cost of a King

Scripture: John 12:12-19

Date: 4-9-17

Bible Version: NIV

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus may cost you something, but not following Jesus will cost you more.

Vs. 12

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival-Jesus comes to Jerusalem to take part in the Passover feast.

There were hundreds of thousands of people already in Jerusalem for the Passover celebrations.

Jesus entered four days before the Passover, or the 10th day of Nisan in the Jewish calendar. This would have been the day the Jewish people would be selecting and inspecting their Passover lamb.

Vs. 13

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting “Hosanna!”

These words which the people cried come from Psalm 118.

The word Hosanna means “Save Now.” The crowd was welcoming Jesus as a political savior.

Palm branches were a symbol of Jewish nationalism since the time of the Maccabees, and were used to celebrate a victory.

Vs. 14-15

Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it.

A donkey is a symbol of peace.

Vs. 15 comes out of **Zechariah 9:9**. Some 400 years earlier he had predicted the Messiah King would come riding in on a donkey.

Daniel 9:24-25 also predicts seven 'sevens' and sixty-two 'sevens' (483 years) until the anointed one (Messiah) comes.

Christ's final week contains **fulfilled prophecies** that remind us of God's **incredible plans** demonstrated in His Word.

Vs. 16

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified...

Not even the disciples knew what was happening at the time, it wasn't until after Christ's death, burial, and resurrection did they begin to see.

As we grow older we will be able to look back in our lives and see **God's involvement more clearly** than we do now.

Vs. 17-18

Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

The crowd continued to **swell** because of the **miraculous** resurrection of Lazarus.

However, their praise was **short lived and shallow**. Soon they would shout "Crucify, Crucify!"

The Jewish leaders didn't like a crowd, because the people could turn on them and threaten their way of life.

Vs. 19

"See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

The Pharisees' strategy up until this point was to **discredit Jesus and separate him from the crowd**. The religious leaders are now in panic mode and know they are losing ground.

At first we saw that the Jewish leaders only wanted the death of one man (John 11:50). Now they want Lazarus killed as well (John 12:10).

Sin always grows. Small things lead to big things.

Ultimately following Jesus would cost the religious leaders something: their power, position, and wealth. They would rather have him **dead than pay that price.**

Saying yes to Jesus will cost you something, but saying no will cost you everything.

Many resist Jesus because the price is too high, they want it their way.

Jesus is the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

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Discuss

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.

1. We see this same story in Matthew 21, Mark 11, and Luke 19. How are these accounts similar or different?
2. Read Zechariah 9:9 and Daniel 9:24-25, discuss the old testament prophecies in light of Jesus' triumphal entry.
3. What were the people of Israel looking for in a Messiah? How did this prevent many of them from placing faith in Jesus?
4. What do people in our culture look for in a Messiah? How does this prevent many of them from placing faith in Jesus? Should following Jesus cost you something?

DO.

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

