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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Sermon Series: Hope

Sermon Title: False Hope

Scripture: John 12:1-19

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes
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False Hope

Big Idea

Nothing is worse than finding out you
put your hope in the wrong place.

John 12:1-19

In this story there is one person who gets it, who has some idea of what's going to happen – it's not one of the disciples, it's not the religious leaders, it's not Martha or Lazarus, it's Mary!
“She did this in preparation for my burial.”

They were going to kill Lazarus too?

“They greeted Jesus as a king, though ignorant of the nature of His kingship. It would seem that they looked upon Him as a potential nationalist leader, with whose help they might be able to become wholly independent of foreign powers.” -Tasker

Hosanna – “Save Now”

“Jesus is the King of Kings, the One who comes in the name of the Lord. The ‘glory’ of King Jesus must be understood not only by His royal entrance into Jerusalem but also by His departure from the grave, His resurrection from the dead.”

Our celebration of Palm Sunday should make it clear that Jesus is a very different kind of King and His rule extends both externally throughout the world and internally in every believer.

Sermon Questions

Ice Breaker: When have you seen a famous person?

Discuss: What must it have been like to be a part of the crowd along the road to Jerusalem that day? What emotions do you think the people were feeling?

1. What part of the message was most impactful for you? Why?
2. What do the words of the multitude (John 12:12,13) tell you about their hopes and plans for Jesus? (See John 6:14,15)
3. Read Zechariah 9:9. List the words or phrases that describe Jesus at this Messianic coming. What does this say about His objective?
4. In what ways were the crowd's expectations and desires different from the heart of Jesus? The disciples? List as many differences as you can think of.
5. How did the people feel three days later? (See Mark 15:6-15)
6. Think back over your relationship with Christ. In what ways has your understanding and expectations of Christ changed over the years to more closely align with who He truly is? Be as specific as possible.
7. In what ways have these changes (from Question #6) been a struggle? In what ways have they been a joy?
8. John 12:16 reminds us that even Jesus' disciples had much to learn and grow in regarding a right understanding of Jesus. Consider the promise Jesus made in John 14:25-26 to these same disciples. How did Jesus keep this promise and what evidence do we see of its fulfillment? Why is this good news to your heart today?

Dig Deeper: Spend time in prayer (either individually or with your group) asking the Lord to help your heart grow in rightly understanding and enjoying Christ for who He truly is. Confess specific sins or struggles in this area and, with faith in His promises (see Philippians 1:6), ask for wisdom and help to mature in these areas.