



John 12:1-21

“Palm Sunday: A humble king for all”

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Consult the Scriptures:

John 12:1-21

(Other Scripture referenced: Psalm 118:25-26, Zechariah 9:9-10)

Consult the Scholars:

Matt Carter—

“Judas serves as a warning. He looked and spoke the part of a disciple. He could have supported his suggestion to give the money to the poor with hundreds of Old Testament verses. However, his motive was self-centered. He was only concerned about what he could get from Jesus. Judas looks good on the outside. At a glance he seems moral, but money and possessions are more important to him than Jesus was.”

Matt Carter—

“The choice of the donkey reveals this King will achieve his victory through humility. The salvation he secures will come through meekness. He doesn’t come to destroy other nations but to “proclaim peace to the nations”. The Jews expect the Messiah to liberate them, crushing the nations in the process. But the King comes to bring peace to all nations.”

Discuss:

1. Do you ever find yourself so focused on what you're carrying that you can't get your keys out of your pocket to get where you need to go?
2. What about in the spiritual sense that Tyler referred to in his sermon?
3. What are some of the things you're holding onto?
4. How do you think John's relationship with Jesus, and him being at the cross influenced him to write this gospel from a different perspective than Matthew, Mark, and Luke?
5. What do you have in common with Lazarus?
6. Contrast the attitudes of Mary and Judas at this dinner and discuss.
7. Read the first quote above on Judas and discuss the risk for us to act similarly. Discuss the impact that the resurrection that Lazarus had on all parties involved.
8. Discuss the significance of the crowds quoting Psalm 118 as Jesus entered Jerusalem.
9. Discuss the significance of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem instead of a war horse. (reference quote 2nd quote above)
10. Contrast the king Jesus came to be versus the king the Jews were wanting.
11. Have you felt compelled to put down some of the things you're carrying and get a firm hold on the gospel?
12. What else stood out to you from this text or this sermon?
13. There will be baptisms next Sunday, have you been baptized?