



# *Elizabeth* Baptist Church

## Sermon Study Guide

“Then They Remembered”

### **Summary**

This Palm Sunday sermon from John 12:1-16 and Psalm 118 explores Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the events leading up to it. Pastor Ritt emphasizes five key points: when Christ changes your life, you want to know Him more (illustrated by Lazarus sitting at the table with Jesus); being around worship and miracles is not the same as knowing Christ (shown through Judas's betrayal despite witnessing miracles); Christ is not revealed in worldly crowds but through His holy Word; and we truly know Christ when He has been glorified in our sight. The sermon connects the Palm Sunday events to Old Testament prophecies, particularly highlighting how the crowds sang Psalm 118 without fully understanding they were prophesying about Christ's sacrifice. The message warns against being like Judas - present for religious activities but never truly knowing Jesus - and calls believers to recognize that everything is ultimately about glorifying Christ, not our own works or missions.

### **Key Verses**

1. John 12:1-16
2. Psalm 118:22-26
3. John 12:16
4. Psalm 118:25-26

## Questions

1. How do you see the difference between Lazarus's response to Jesus (sitting at the table with Him) versus Judas's response, even though both witnessed the same miracles?
2. Mary poured out costly oil worth nearly a year's salary on Jesus' feet. What does this teach us about true worship and sacrifice?
3. The pastor mentioned that 'being around worship, miracles, and missions is not the same as knowing Christ.' How can we guard against this in our own spiritual lives?
4. Why do you think the religious leaders wanted to kill both Jesus and Lazarus? What does this reveal about the human heart's resistance to God?
5. The crowds went from shouting 'Hosanna' to 'Crucify Him' in less than a week. What does this teach us about following popular opinion versus following Christ?
6. John 12:16 says the disciples didn't understand these things until 'Jesus was glorified.' How has your understanding of Jesus and His work grown over time?
7. Psalm 118:22 speaks of the stone the builders rejected becoming the cornerstone. How do you see this prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' life and ministry?
8. The pastor emphasized that when Christ is glorified in our eyes, we truly know Him. What does it mean for Christ to be 'glorified' in our sight, and how does this change everything else?

## Life Application

This week, spend time each day reading and meditating on the passages mentioned: Exodus 12, John 12, and Mark 11:11. As you read, ask God to help you see Jesus more clearly and to reveal areas where you might be going through religious motions rather than truly knowing Him. Consider one way you can demonstrate your love for Christ through sacrificial worship, like Mary did with her costly oil.

## Key Takeaways

1. When Christ truly changes your life, you will want to be with Him and know Him more, like Lazarus sitting at the table with Jesus

2. Being around worship, miracles, and missions is not the same as actually knowing Christ personally - we must guard against being like Judas
3. Christ is not revealed through worldly crowds or popular opinion, but through His holy Word and Scripture
4. We truly know Christ when He has been glorified in our sight, which transforms our understanding of everything else
5. The events of Palm Sunday fulfill Old Testament prophecies, showing God's perfect plan of redemption through Jesus as the rejected cornerstone who becomes our salvation