



Palm Sunday

Date: April 10, 2022

John 12:9-19

Why should I believe in Jesus? Answer is:

Big Idea: "You can trust Jesus because of what he has done."

There are three reasons we see in this passage:

Reason 1: Jesus Raises the Dead

John 12:9-11

Lazarus' resurrection drew large mobs of people. Jesus isn't shy about showing His power and authority by raising people from the dead: with Lazarus' Jesus purposely waited until he was dead and buried for four days. But Lazarus wasn't the only one. There were at least 2 others. The dead son of a widow and the daughter of of a Jewish synagogue leader – Jairus. Jesus raised them from the dead.

Each time someone is raised from the dead, more and more people follow Jesus? If you know Jesus as your savior – the moment you came to faith and were born again, YOU were brought from the penalty of death to life in Jesus Christ!

Reason 2: Jesus Fulfills Prophecy

John 12:12-15

The people mentioned here are living out Old Testament prophecy, along with Jesus. Jesus' "Donkey" entrance was foretold in the prophet Zechariah more than 500 years earlier. **Zechariah 9:9**

But there are Even deeper prophetic connections:

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus is on the Mount of Olives preparing to enter Jerusalem and the Temple as he rides in on the donkey.

This prophecy was written by God's messenger Ezekiel 600 years earlier. The Jews believed the Messiah would come through the eastern Gate.

The Gate closest to the temple facing: The Mount of Olives.

While Ezekiel 10:18-19 saw the Glory of the Lord leave the temple – because of Israel’s constant idolatry - Exekiel 43:1-5 tells us the Glory of the Lord will come back to the temple from the east

Finally a prophecy yet to come:

Ezekiel 46.12 – tells us the gate will be opened one more time for the price coming with a freewill/peace offering. Scripture tells us he will return from Heaven to The Mount of Olives!

And all this is only on the prophecy pertaining to the gate!: a low estimate is that there are over 300 OT prophecies that Jesus has fulfilled.

[Reason 3: Jesus calls You out of the tomb](#)

[John 12:17-19](#)

John repeats the mention of the people who saw Lazarus raised from the dead. They could not get over it! They were telling people over and over again!

If you're a believer - What’s the tomb you were called out of?

If you have experienced a miracle, or a special provision of God, don’t be shy about it! Ask the Spirit of God to give you a boldness about what he has done in your life.

The Resurrection of Jesus forms the passion for you to share your faith. Jesus is Alive and raised from the dead! And TODAY - He calls people from death to life. That’s our proclamation - we were dead in our sin and made alive by the shed blood of Jesus!

What we now call Palm Sunday, was another triggering event in Jesus' pathway to the cross. Because of the Triumphal Entry, many chose to follow him, and the religious leaders looked all the more to kill him.

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Jesus opponents saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead yet they continued to plot against Him. What would be a main reason their continued disbelief in His claim to be Messiah?**
- **In Zechariah 9:9, it was prophecied that the Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a colt. What was Jesus claiming when he purposely fulfilled that prophecy?**
- **What are some of the ways and times when Jesus has called you out of the tomb?**
- **How is He calling people out of tomb even today?**