

**Sermon Series:** The Gospel of John—*Who is Jesus?*

**Today's Sermon:** Palm Sunday

**Text:** John 12:12–19

**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2026

**Congregational Reading:**

**John 12:13,** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’

**Bottom Line:** You can celebrate Jesus and still misunderstand Him.

**Question of the Day:** What do you do when God doesn't meet your expectations?

**1. The crowd wanted a King who would fix their world. (John 12:12–13)**

- The crowd wanted rescue on their terms. Jesus came to bring salvation on His.

**Application:** Have you been asking Jesus to fix your world without allowing Him to change your heart?

**2. Jesus came as the King they needed, not the King they wanted. (John 12:14–15)**

- Most of the time, we want Jesus to support the version of life we've already chosen. But real discipleship begins when we stop asking Jesus to endorse our plans and start surrendering to His.

**Application:** Are you following Jesus for who He is, or for who you want Him to be?

**3. The crowd praised Jesus without surrendering to Him. (John 12:16–19)**

- We can praise Him loudly but still follow Him shallowly.

**Application:** Are you worshipping Jesus for who He truly is, or only for what you hope He will do for you?

**Benediction/Blessing:**

May the King who entered the holy city in humility keep your heart steadfast in the days ahead. May Christ, who was hailed with palms and went willingly to the cross, give you grace to follow Him in the path of obedience, courage to walk with Him through suffering, and hope to trust the promise of His resurrection.

And may the Lord who has redeemed you by His great love guard your mind, strengthen your spirit, and fix your eyes on the Author and Perfecter of your faith. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Amen.