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*411: Week 12- Palm Sunday

We are not going to go verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book...but I want to introduce you to the Major Themes, Characters, and Mission of the Bible while it focuses us on Jesus Christ!

So far we've been tracing through the Shadow of the Old Testament, to the LIGHT that is coming when Jesus came into the world to announce a New Covenant.

Question: How many can remember your first taste of POWER?!

The same group of people that were yelling Hosanna would be a lot of the same people yelling Crucify Him just a short amount of time later.

Here's what I know:

Proclaiming Jesus as my KING. There's not much to say to that because He IS the KING! There is NO other King!

The part that must concern us today, is He LORD?

I. The Significance of Choices

Everyday we have choices of friends, careers, and relationships; choices to spend, borrow or pay. I choose to marry or stay single; to fight, part ways, or reconcile.

Every CHOICE has a Long-Term consequence!

A. Palm Sunday wouldn't be the first time Israel rejected God as King. (1 Sam 8:1-7 NIV)

Never underestimate the importance of your choices, because POOR CHOICES will always lead to painful consequences.

II. The Suffering of Choices

We've all made a Poor Choice at some point, <u>and some of those poor choices can lead</u> to a lifetime of Regret!

What's true is, if you hadn't made that poor decision years ago, you would not be dealing with what your facing now, BUT, it's also true that God's desire is always to be working in our Present Situation, because just as there's no sin that puts us beyond the Grace of God, there is no decision that puts us beyond the Help of God!

And sometimes the issue has nothing to do about SIN, but has everything to do about SEEKING.

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III. The CHOICE of Lordship

Although we can't make Jesus the King of our Life because He IS the King, we do have the CHOICE to make Him the LORD of our life.

A LORD is someone with authority, control, or power over others; to say that someone is "LORD" is to consider that person a master or ruler.

A. The First Step to Lordship is Salvation! How do we receive salvation? We are saved by Faith.

B. The First Step back to Salvation is Lordship!