

John 12:12-19

Jesus is the Crucified and Glorified Savior.

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Main Idea of the Sermon: Jesus is the crucified and glorified Savior. He ends war, proclaims peace to the nations, and shed his own blood to set us free.

Melodic Line of the Book: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31).

STRUCTURE/OUTLINE OF THE SERMON

- I. Introduction
- II. Jesus is the crucified and glorified Savior.
 - A. Expectation (Jn. 11:53; 12:9-11)
 - B. Events (vv. 12-15)
 - 1. The immediate event
 - 2. The ultimate event
 - C. Eyes Opened (v. 16)
 - D. Earth Ablaze (vv. 17-19)
 - 1. Two crowds
 - 2. Look, the world has gone after him!
 - E. Expectations ... in light of the full story.
 - 1. Locating the present moment in light of the bigger story.
 - 2. Who is Jesus?

GOSPEL CENTRALITY

Jesus is the the Messiah-King who brings an end to war, who proclaims peace to the nations, and who keeps God's promise as he shed his own blood to save his people – delivering them from an ultimate foe. By believing in Jesus, we gain life. We gain life because Jesus is life.

KEY WORDS/THEMES

1. **Feast** (*heortē*) – John is referring to the Passover, the biggest and most pivotal of the festivals, which are a focus for John in his Gospel. There may have been as many as 2.7 million Jews in Jerusalem during this feast. See also, Matt. 26:5; 27:15.
2. **Palm Branches** (*ta baion tōn phoinix*) – at one time a common tree in Palestine; associated with the Feast of Tabernacles, but became a nationalistic symbol by the second century B.C.
3. **Hosanna** (*hōsanna*) – a shout of praise, literally meaning, 'help' or 'save, I pray;' an appeal that became a liturgical formula; as a part of the Hallel Psalms (Ps 113–118). It was familiar to everyone in Israel. See also, Matt. 21:9; Mk. 11:10.
4. **Sign** (*sēmeion*) – an event that is an indication or confirmation of intervention by transcendent powers; a miracle of divine origin, performed by God himself, by Christ, or by men of God; a major theme in the Gospel of John (see, e.g., Jn. 2:11; 3:2; 4:54; 6:2; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 20:30).

KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN

- What are some truths that you have taken for granted in your time as a follower of Jesus? What are some truths that the Spirit may want you to lean into during this season in your life?
- What are some of the expectations that you have placed on Jesus? How do we know if our story is getting in the way of Jesus? Is Jesus beautiful and glorious at every point of his journey?
- What are the swords that you need to lay down (e.g., control, security, strength, connection, satisfaction, hope)?

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

- Pray for one another – that we would be able to lay down our swords and fully trust Jesus in every area of our lives.
- Pray for those among your family, friends, and community who have not put their trust in Jesus – that they would respond to the gospel and come to Christ.