

**Pastor Jim Jackson, 3/15/26**  
***Days With Jesus, Day 37—Coronation of the King***  
**John 12:12-19**

**The people meet their KING**

In times of war, a conquering king rode on a war horse to his cities showing his strength in battle. In times of peace, a king rode on a young donkey showing security, calm, and control, like Solomon did (1 Kings 1:33-38). Jesus arranged for a colt to ride to enter Jerusalem, picturing the King of Israel on his coronation day (Zech. 9:9; Mark 11:1-4). *The highest King rode on a lowly colt!* Hearing Lazarus was alive, and Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, people cut palm branches and laid them on the road along with their clothes (Luke 19:36). In ancient days, the date palm was symbolic of victory in battle and laying down a cloak for the king to ride over was a sign of submission. Submission to Jesus is the first step of exaltation from Jesus (Prov. 22:4; Matt. 23:12; James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6). *Humility isn't thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less!*

**The people recognize their MESSIAH**

The people knew Jesus had Messiah credentials—an amazing teacher, create food from nothing, cast out demons, heal the sick, and raise the dead. So, as he rode from Bethany, they shouted ‘Hosanna’ meaning, ‘bring salvation now’ (Ps. 118:25, 26). Despite not making himself as a military, political Messiah, the people made him who they wanted him to be. *Don't make God in your own image or for your own agenda—you'll be disappointed!* Though Jesus did have this ability, his mission wasn't to bring political freedom but rather spiritual. *Jesus' first coming was as a Lamb that was crushed, but his second coming will be as a Lion that crushes* (Rev. 19:11-16)!

**The Pharisees recognize their ENEMY**

Though they tried for years to turn the people against Jesus, his miracles and teaching made him unstoppable popular. The fact he was the people's choice created jealousy and a resolve to murder him. As they hear the people call out to Jesus to save them, they tell Jesus to silence them. *Wicked hearts will try to tear down what God is building!* Instead of giving in to political and social pressure, Jesus doubles down on his identity and his mission. In a rare moment of accepting praise and worship as Messiah, Jesus tells them if the people didn't shout for joy then the rocks would (Luke 19:37-40)! *Jesus is worthy of your worship—don't let the rocks cry out!*