



Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 – John 12:12-26
A strange message for a jubilant day!

John 12:12–26 (ESV)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³And Jesus answered them,
“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Mark 10:29–30

Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Observations:

1. His voluntary road to the Cross! (v. 12; Daniel 9:24–26)
2. A humble prophesy! (v. 13-15; Ps. 118:25. Zechariah 9:9)
3. The miracles drew people! (v. 16-18)
4. Wrong goals and desires brings unbelief! (v. 19)
5. Greeks: the world is gathered! (v. 20-22)

Jesus’ message: “I must die!”
(24-26)

1. Jesus must die in order for there to be eternal life or an eternal Kingdom! (24)

Romans 6:23, *For the wages of sin is death*
Also see Rom. 5:1-12; John 1:29; Ephesians 2:13

2. Jesus needs to remain our first love! (25)

Jesus said this often: Matt. 16:25; 10:39; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33
We praise that which we love with our hearts.
Nothing should compete for our first love!
Also read 1 John 2:15-17; Rev. 12:11; 2:4-5 Acts 20:24; 21:13

3. We die to self to we serve and follow Jesus, but we gain the presence of Christ and the favor of the Father! (26)

Also see Galatians 2:20; John 14:3; 17:24 and Hebrews 2:9-10

Application questions on the back →

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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 12:12-26. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In your own words, answer: Why must He die?

PRAY: Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ: John 12:12-26. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In your own words, answer: Why must we die to our desires and ambitions?

PRAY: Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ: See John 12:12-26. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In your own words, answer: If we die to self, in what way do we receive back one hundred-fold in this life?

PRAY: Pray over these lessons!

THURSDAY

READ: John 12:12-26. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In your own words, answer: If we die to self, in what way do we receive back one hundred-fold in the life to come?

PRAY: Pray over your applications!

FRIDAY

READ: See 12:12-26. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out the one thing that struck you from our study.

PRAY: Pray over your application!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.

Pray – ask the Lord to show you people to encourage!