

Big idea: Our responsibility and privilege is to lift up the name of Jesus in our worship, witness, and words so that he might draw all to himself.

I. Review – reestablish the context...

- A. This event is the BEGINNING of the last week
- B. This event is in all four GOSPELS
- C. This event is a complete REVERSAL of Jesus' ministry to this point

II. The Triumphal Entry (or the tragic entry)

A. The SETTING vs. 9-11

- 1. WHERE? – in BETHANY and soon in Jerusalem
- 2. WHEN – after Lazarus is RAISED and during Passover
- 3. WHY – to see Jesus AND Lazarus
 - POOR Lazarus
 - EMBARRASSING Lazarus
 - The CAUSE
 - The REBUTTAL

1. 1 st time we see – "going away and believing – leaving <u>JUDAISM</u>
2. Religion is often the <u>BARRIER</u> to God

B. The EVENT vs. 12-19

- 1. The AFFIRMATION of the crowd vs. 12-13
 - A MAJOR change
 - An Old Testament PROPHECY

2. The **RESPONSE** of Jesus vs. 14-15

- A different **KIND** of king

- A different kind of **KINGDOM**

3. John's **COMMENTARY** v. 16

4. The **MEMORY** of the raising of Lazarus vs. 17-19

- **HOW** it happened v. 17

- The **IMPACT** vs. 18-19

C. The **GREEKS** vs. 20-26

1. The **REQUEST** vs. 20-22

2. The **ANSWER** vs. 23-26

- The **TIME** v. 23

- The **PARADOX** vs. 24-26
 - **DIE** to bear fruit

 - **HATE** your life to keep it

 - **SERVE** to be honored

III. What we take away...

The hardest thing brings the greatest joy, daily die to self and daily live for God's glory!