

# The Passion of Jesus [John 12:12-36]

*John 12:12* The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So 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!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His 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. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, 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. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If 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.*"

<sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "*This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*" <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say

*that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.*

**Q: What are the motivations behind current world events?**

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**Today: Conquest and the way of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ worldview and expectation (12:12-19)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ worldview as seekers of Truth (12:20-22).
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ flipped their worldviews upside down (12:23-36).

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Welcome: Today is our **Winter Kick-Off!**

We are kicking off various ministries leading to Easter. Starting next Sunday, we will have **Adult & Teen Worldview Classes** at 9am. We will have a **Pastor Chat** in the foyer from 9:30-10am (come early and get coffee). We will begin a 4 week class about **preparing for Sabbath** and the Lent season, starting Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> in room 129. We have **Youth Group** on Sundays 6-8pm. We have **Mommy&Me** on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays for moms and pre-schoolers. And we have **small groups** during the week. Join us in community as we seek to follow Jesus together.

Application Questions:

1. What do you know about the geo-political situation of world powers and what do you think is going to happen in 2023?
2. Jesus came for conquest, but it looked different than anyone expected. Read John 12:12-36 and think about these Q's as you read and then discuss:
  - How did Jesus intend to "conquer" the world?
  - How does Jesus expect us to live as a result?