

RESETTING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 12:12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!" ¹⁴ And 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!"

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

BI: Our role in the Passion week is to arouse curiosity.

1. The significance of the Triumphal entry (John 12:12-19).
2. Seekers are curious about Jesus unique mission (12:20-26).
3. Jesus was troubled about what would happen next, but went forward anyway – why? (12:27-36)

Application In Community



Welcome to Grace: This week is the high point of the year for Christians, why? On the "liturgical" calendar, Easter is the culmination of what is called "The Passion of the Christ." And we invite you to join us to experience different aspects of the Passion Week, let me explain.

The Triumphal Entry: It was prophesied in the Old Testament that the Messiah (the chosen / anointed One of God) would bring in the golden age of Israel and unite Jews and Gentiles into one faith. In Jerusalem, on Palm Sunday, there were as many as 1-2 million extra pilgrims from around the world to celebrate the Passover. And they largely had the same expectation – that a military leader would ride into Jerusalem on a Stallion and make Himself known, saving Israel and defeating their enemy. When Jesus rode into town, He largely fulfilled this prophecy, but signified peace (and not war) by riding on a donkey instead (see Zechariah 9:9).

Good Friday: Five days later, Jesus had conducted Passover (a meal that included the sacrifice of a lamb as symbolic for forgiveness of sin). And Jesus reinterpreted the elements of the meal to apply to Himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and, at the meal, He prophesied that He would be sacrificed on "Good" Friday. This week, we will celebrate Good Friday at Hope Lutheran at 7pm, join us.

Easter Sunday: is the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy that He would be raised from the dead. Everything in Christianity hinges on if this actually happened – for if Jesus was not raised, we are wasting our time. But if Jesus was raised – then this means everything for everyone who hears this truth. Join us, Easter Sunday at 10:30am to hear the story.

Theme of Easter: "He is risen...and then what?"

Application Qs: This week [PRAY > GO > DO > INVITE]

1. Any stories of going out and inviting people to Easter?
2. Read John 12:20-36 – what is the bridge between the "Greeks" being interested in seeing Jesus (vv. 20-22) and what Jesus said (vv. 23-36)?
3. Pray –

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