

The Gospel of John: This Way to the Cross

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Text: John 12:12-50 (page 899-900)

The Donkey King (John 12:12-19)

I want to see Jesus. (John 12:20-26)

Now is the judgment? (John 12:27-36a)

Is Jesus hiding from you? (John 12:36b-50)

Memory Verse: John 12:25 **Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**

Food for Thought for the week of October 10, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Fueled by His amazing resurrection of Lazarus, the crowds in John 12 are flocking to Jesus. They have a political purpose for Jesus and this kind of power. Why is this a bad idea?
2. Where in your life have you expected Jesus to do something in your way and timing? Has He given you understanding for not doing things your way?
3. Jesus found a donkey to ride in order to make a strong statement. What was that statement and why do we need to hear it today?
4. How will His second coming as King be different?
5. The Greeks in verse 20 wanted to see Jesus, so they went to Philip (also with a Greek name) and asked for help. What simple truth can we learn from this about the way God uses people to draw us to Himself?
6. What does Jesus mean when He says we should hate our life in this world?
7. If the ultimate judgment of humanity happens in the future, why does Jesus say that “the judgment of this world is now” (verse 31).
8. Jesus is making a profound statement by hiding from the people. John makes sure we understand by quoting Isaiah. Read verses 36-43 and ask the Holy Spirit to give you clarity and obedience for your own life.