

Sermon Questions

The Coronation of the King

John 12:12–19

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CONNECT:

- What is the most pompous ceremony you have ever witnessed or participated in? What feelings did that evoke for you?

GROW:

- Read John 12:12–19. In what ways was Jesus' "coronation ceremony" glorious? In what ways was it counter-cultural?
- What drew the crowds to Jesus according to John's record of this event? What expectations were they carrying, and how did their reason for coming feed into those expectations?
- How much hope does our culture place in our political leaders? Do you place hope in our political leaders? How much hope do you have in the well-being of the United States of America? Please explain your answer.
- Read Jesus' statement about what it takes to follow Him (Luke 9:23-25). What does it take according to Jesus? If Americans take this seriously, what sorts of things must Americans set aside?
- From Matthew 5:3-11 list the things that citizens of King Jesus' mighty kingdom are to prioritize.
- What adjustments do you need to make in your own life to live as a citizen of King Jesus' everlasting kingdom?

GO:

- Read Revelation 11:15. How does this make every difference in how you will live, even starting this week?

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1. Jesus came to bring spiritual peace (redemption) to people from every tribe and tongue, people and nation (Revelation 4–5). Jesus did not come as a nationalistic leader, He came for women and men, and those with darker and lighter skin, He came to redeem all who, by faith, receive Him as the forgiveness of confessed sins, and who seek to turn (repent) of sin as empowered by God's Spirit. All who receive Jesus by faith, as Savior and Lord, will be saved (Acts 4:12; John 3:16, 14:6; Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9–10; Ephesians 2:8–9).
2. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, at least partially, because the populace viewed Jesus politically—rather than spiritually. While politics matter, and being engaged matters, all mature Christ-followers know that our allegiance must preeminently be to our Trinitarian God, and to the inspired, inerrant Word. When our preeminent allegiance is to a politic or ideology, we error and for just such an error, Jesus wept over Jerusalem (John 12:12–19).

