



LifeBridge
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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JESUS: Hear His Glory and Grace

Lesson Two • John 12:12-26

Paradox of King Jesus

A Different Kind of King

Jesus is the victorious KING, but His victory looks different than what most people anticipated or imagined.

Paradox of King Jesus

1. Jesus' Victory Is Not Political But MISSIONAL!

Paradox of His Entry into Jerusalem

- Jesus was WELCOMED by a large crowd waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna" (v. 12-13).
- Jesus mounted a young DONKEY, signifying He came in peace not war (v. 14-15).

Different Responses to Jesus

- The DISCIPLES were confused by these things at first (v. 16).
- The CROWD was fascinated by Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead (v. 17-18).
- The PHARISEES were irritated that the world has gone after Jesus (v. 19).
- The GREEKS were hoping to see Jesus (v. 20-22).

2. Jesus' Victory Comes Through DEATH!

Paradox of His Death on the Cross

If we want to see Jesus rightly, then we must see His GLORY through His death on the cross (v. 23).

Three Paradoxes for His Followers

- You DIE to bear fruit (v. 24).
- You HATE your life to keep it (v. 25).
- You SERVE to be honored (v. 26).

Do You Wish to See Jesus?

Takeaway: Make it your priority and practice in life to SEE Jesus, and then follow Him at all costs to self.

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:21

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.
2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

What Will You Die To for Christ's Sake?

Challenge: Write down one thing God is calling you to die to for the sake of Jesus.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." –Jim Elliot