



Sermon Notes

John 12:12–19 (ESV)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³So 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!”

¹⁴And 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!”

¹⁶His 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.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.

¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

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(Answer key located on back page)

INTRODUCTION

Sin has created a similar _____ in our relationship with God.

I. THE PARADOX OF PALM SUNDAY:

A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING (vs.12-15)

- Jesus deliberately fulfilled _____ prophecy by entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

Application:

Redefine _____ by Christ's standards

II. THE PATH FROM PALMS TO THE CROSS:

THE KING'S MISSION (v.16)

- Jesus rode into Jerusalem knowing His destination was the _____.
- Jesus knew things the disciples couldn't see:
 - The same crowd would soon demand His _____.
 - His throne would be a _____, not a palace.
 - His victory would come through apparent _____.
 - His death would _____ us to God.

Application:

Practice spiritual _____ regularly.

III. FROM MISUNDERSTANDING TO WORSHIP:

OUR RESPONSE TO THE KING (vs.17-19)

Three responses to Jesus:

1. The _____ who had seen Lazarus raised and couldn't stop talking about it.
2. The curious _____ drawn by testimony but not yet fully committed.
3. The resistant _____ who felt threatened by Jesus's growing influence.

Question: What are you going to do about the response that describes where you are today?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

How am I responding to Jesus as King in my life right now? Am I an eyewitness, a seeker, or am I resisting Him in some areas?

COMMITMENT:

This week, I will take one specific step to embrace Jesus's kingship by:

KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER:

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" - John 12:15

NEXT STEPS:

- ☐ Join a Bible study group
- ☐ Commit to daily prayer focusing on surrendering to Christ's kingship
- ☐ Share your testimony with someone this week



Answer Key

Introduction: imbalance I. The Paradox of Palm Sunday: • Zechariah's Application: • Success II. The Path from Palms to the Cross: • Cross • Death • Cross • Defeat • reconcile	III. From Misunderstanding to Worship: • eyewitnesses • seekers • Pharisees
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The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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