

JOHN 12:12-19

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."

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. What was the reason so many people were in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? What is Palm Sunday all about?
2. Why did so many people want to see Lazarus? What was the plan devised by the chief priests to try and put a stop to people believing in Jesus?

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3. What is the significance of palm branches, and the fact that the crowd went out to meet Jesus? What can this tell us about Jesus' reputation and the expectations of the people?
4. How does Psalm 118 and Zechariah 9 shed light on Jesus' mission?

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5. As we consider the various responses to Jesus, what can we learn from those responses?