

I. JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AND IS MET WITH PRAISE (JOHN 12:12-15)

- A. The large crowds came to Jerusalem for the feast and other motives (**John 12:12**)
1. The feast was the time of Passover (**John 11:55; 12:11**)
 2. Many came for Passover, but also to see Jesus and Lazarus (**John 11:55-57; 12:9-11, 17-18**)
 3. Why did they want to see Lazarus? (**John 11:39-46, 57; 12:10-11, 17-18**)
- B. The crowds took palm branches and met Jesus (**John 12:13a**)
1. Palm branches are a symbol of victory (**Revelation 7:9-10**)
 2. They went out to meet Jesus like a gesture to welcome a dignitary
- C. Jesus rides into Jerusalem to fulfill his mission to save his people, and to establish his Kingdom (**John 12:13b-15**)
1. Jesus has come on a salvation mission (**John 12:13; Psalm 118:25-27; Mark 10:32-34; John 12:23-27**)
 2. Jesus will establish his Kingdom (**John 12:14-15, Zechariah 9:9-10; 1 Peter 3:22**)

II. WHAT CAN THE RESPONSE TO JESUS TEACH US? (JOHN 12:16-19)

- A. The disciples understood what it all meant after Jesus rose from the dead (**John 12:16, John 2:22**)
- B. The crowd was a mixture of those who did not believe and those who did, including authorities (**John 12:17-19**)
1. God opens the eyes of some, so they see the light (**John 12:35-43**)
 2. King Jesus came to save (**John 12:44-50**)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What was the reason so many people were in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? What is Palm Sunday all about?

2. 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?

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

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Dignitary –

Retrospect –

Coronation –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD