



Series: Palm Sunday 2025
Passage: John 12:1-36
Title: King Jesus Enters Jerusalem
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Discussion Starter – What does this passage reveal to us about how Jesus approached His rapidly approaching death? Consider that Jesus said that we are to “take up our cross”, and Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ...”. What different perspective does Jesus words in this chapter provide to us when we consider the cost of discipleship?

Read John 12:1-11

- 1) Why was Mary willing to lavishly pour expensive oil on Jesus’ feet? What does this act reveal about Mary’s relationship with Jesus?
- 2) Why was Judas’ stated objection to Mary’s act? What other reasons may have underlain Judas’ objection? What does his criticism of Jesus reveal about Judas’ opinion of himself?
 - a) How does our embrace of criticism close our ability to hear or see when God is speaking? Who or what do you criticize? What is God trying to tell you?

Read John 12:12-19

- 3) What was the opportunity God was presenting before His people on this day? What did the disciples not understand as Jesus rode into Jerusalem? Was this their last chance to respond to Jesus?
- 4) In what ways is Jesus presented here as a King like no other?

Read John 12:20-27

- 5) How is Jesus glorified at this hour? What does His example reveal to us about a path to fruitfulness?
- 6) What does Jesus teach in verse 25-26 about the impact our approach to this life has on our eternal life?
- 7) What example does Jesus give us to follow? What potential does Jesus describe to those who serve Him?
 - b) How does your life reflect following Jesus as it is described in these verses? Does it include a troubled soul? Has God called you to a purpose that is troubling?

Read John 12:28-36

- 8) What events are said to be accomplished in verses 31-32? Which are immediate, which are said to be in the future? How are these events so closely tied to the Glory of God?
- 9) What questions do the nearby people have about Jesus, (verse 34)? How does Jesus answer them?
 - c) What has God made clear to you to do to which you have hesitated in response? What does God promise to you as you walk faithfully in the light that you have?
- 10) How are Mary and Judas examples of those who walk in the light they are given or those who are blind to that light? What other characters in this passage are pictures of this truth?