

John 12:12-50: The Triumphal Entry.

I. (12-19) The royal entrance.

Psalm 118:25-26—*Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.*

“**Hosanna**” means "save now," and on this day the crowd received Jesus as the Saviour, the Messiah; they wave palm branches and lay down their clothing in worship. Some were inviting Him to oust the Romans, others were unknowingly inviting Him to die for the on the Cross as the only way to salvation.

Zechariah 9:9—*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

- He didn't come in royal pomp; brass band, motorcade, guard of honour, red carpet...but He comes **humbly and peacefully** on a borrowed donkey.

Philippians 2:5-8 - *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

II. (20-26) Jesus talks to the Greeks.

- It is time for Jesus to be glorified, to make the ultimate sacrifice. He was a seed sown into death to yield an abundant **resurrection** harvest.

1 Corinthians 15:20 - *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.*

- We are to hate this life so much that we give it away to Jesus Christ for eternity, its **self-denial** and following Him for our own good – to heaven.

Matthew 16:24 - *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

- As we serve Jesus Christ we must follow His sacrificial example all the way to heaven where we will be rewarded.

Mathew 6:27—*“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.*

III. (27-36) **(44-50)** Jesus talks to the Father and everyone around.

Jesus was troubled because of the journey to the Cross; but **for that purpose He came, to glorify the Father.**

Philippians 1:29 – *For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*

Matthew 5:11-12 – *Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake, rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

This is the third audible Father's voice testifying to the people that Jesus is the Son of God (at His Baptism and His Transfiguration) so that they would believe in Him. God did **everything** He could to draw people to Himself.

Satan thought nailing Christ on the Cross would humiliate Him and disperse nations; however, when He was lifted up on the Cross, salvation for all nations, tongues and tribes was made possible and He was exalted.

IV. 6. (37-43). John is answering the question "if Jesus was so great, why didn't everybody believe on Him?"

John reminds us that this was prophesied in these two quotations from Isaiah.

Many were secret believers because they feared persecution; they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.