



## **MESSAGE/SERIES:**

**“Looking Toward a Cross”-Pastor Michael Baker**

**DATE: April 14, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK: *John 12:12-19, Luke 19:28-38, Luke 19:41-44, Luke 9:51-53, Zechariah 9:9, Revelation 7:9-10, Luke 19:11-27, John 10:1-(18)***

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE: John 12:12-19**

*“<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> 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!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,*

*<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

*<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> **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.** <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”*

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 12:12–19.*

**“He Must Go to Jerusalem  
and Suffer many things from the elders and  
chief priests and scribes,  
and be killed,  
and on the third day be raised”**

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**OUTLINE:**

**I. THE CROWD (*John 12:12,13,17,18*)**

A. Of Tourist & Sightseers

1. Those who were present when Lazarus was resurrected
2. Those who heard about Lazarus' resurrection
3. Just wanted to see another miracle

B. Of Religious People

1. Who were angry about Jesus' following
2. Who wanted Jesus to defeat the Romans
3. Who were there for religious right (Passover Celebration)

C. Of Praisers

1. Who were there but did not understand
2. Who knew Jesus was King
3. Hosanna- “Save now” (*even those who loved Jesus & believed still did not know God's plan/wanted to rush God*)
  - a) *Later many praisers became part of the mob yelling “Crucify Him”*

**II. THE CREATURES (*John 12:14-16*)**

A. The War Horse

1. The entrance of a King on Horse was the sign of war
  - a) *The Horse was a proclamation of a conquering King*

- B. The Humble Donkey (Zechariah 9:9-10)
  - 1. The entrance of a King on a Donkey was a very humbling
    - a) *The Donkey is known as **an emblem of peace***
    - b) *Jesus knew what He had to do to bring peace between God and man*
    - c) *Jesus had to come and complete the sacrifice before He could rule*

### III. THE CROSS (Matthew 16:21-23, Luke 9:51-53, John 12:1-8)

- A. **Jesus' Message** (Matthew 16:21-23) After Peter confesses Jesus to be "the Christ the living Son of God" Jesus from that time forward began tell disciples about His impending death & resurrection
  - 1. (v21) "*He **must go to Jerusalem** and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests"*
- B. **Jesus' Mind** (Luke 9:51-53) When Jesus was in the Samaritan village he began to set **his face to go to Jerusalem** (His mind was on His mission)
- C. **Jesus' Memorial Meal** (John 12:1-8) Jesus visits the risen Lazarus, Mary, and Martha to have supper 6 days before the passover.
  - 1. Jesus knew He was going to Jerusalem to die for the sins of those who would believe-
    - a) (v7) "*Leave her alone, so that she may keep it **for the day of my burial.***"
- D. **Jesus' Mandate** (John 10:16-18) Jesus is making it known that He will lay down His life for the elect Jews and Gentiles
  - 1. He would tear down the dividing wall between the Jews and Gentiles at the cross
  - 2. His Life was freely given
    - a) *the Romans did not take His life from Him*
    - b) *a willful sacrifice*
  - 3. Philippians 2:5-11

### OTHER STUDY HELPS:

(John 12:9-11) **Concerning the Sadducees**- they regarded it as theologically intolerable. Unlike the Pharisees, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of

the dead; and here they were confronted with Lazarus, who had been raised from the grave. Unless they could do something about it, the foundations of their power, their influence and their teaching were slipping from beneath their feet. *So they proposed to destroy the evidence* by doing away with Lazarus.

William Barclay, *The Gospel of John*, vol. 2, The New Daily Study Bible (Louisville, KY: Edinburgh, 2001), 133.

**Palm Sunday-** The day commemorating Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, during which the multitude spread palm branches in front of Jesus as he came into the city. The event is attested in all four Gospels (Matt. 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:28–38; John 12:12–18), although only John 12:13 mentions palm branches specifically. Palm Sunday is celebrated the Sunday before Easter and thereby marks the beginning of Holy Week in both the Eastern and Western Church traditions.

Ann Coble, "Palm Sunday," ed. David Noel Freedman, Allen C. Myers, and Astrid B. Beck, *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, 2000), 1004.

**Palm Sunday-** The first day of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mk 11:1–11; Mt 21:1–11; Lk 19:28–40; Jn 12:12–19). It was celebrated in Jerusalem as early as the late fourth century. In the Byzantine Rite, the day before Palm Sunday is Lazarus Saturday. Color: violet or red.

Brett Scott Provance, *Pocket Dictionary of Liturgy & Worship*, The IVP Pocket Reference Series (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2009), 96.

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----  
Church,

On this Palm Sunday that kicks off Passion week we celebrate our King that became our sacrifice. Jesus knew the cross was the critical part of the mission and He set His mind/His face toward Jerusalem to become our final sacrifice, and after He came out of the tomb our risen King. The people did not understand the need for a cross, but if Jesus had not died on the cross and had conquered Jerusalem and even Rome militarily it would have meant nothing for our eternal salvation...we would still be lost. Today and the rest of the week commit to pointing your face toward Jerusalem and a cross that brought your salvation. By the way the cross paid the price and the resurrection validated Jesus as Lord! Is He Lord of your life today?

Love in Christ,

Pastor Michael

**MY PERSONAL STUDY NOTES:**

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