



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 31*

Preacher – Sandy Mason | Text – John 12:12-26

### Summary:

In this passage, John records the famous “triumphal entry,” where Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of The Lord, even the King of Israel!” The ecstatic reaction of the crowds also confirms the Pharisees in their desire to see Jesus killed. And in the aftermath of this glorious event, Jesus confirms his calling, and the calling of all who would follow – that fruitfulness comes only from dying to self and submitting to the will of God.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. Why did the crowds welcome Jesus the way they did? What can we learn from the text about what they saw in Jesus?
3. Look at the Old Testament passage quoted in v. 15 (Zechariah 9:9) in its context. What can you learn about the coming Messiah from this prophetic text?
4. Why do you think Jesus’ disciples “did not understand these things at first”? What might have made it hard for even them to see the full truth about Jesus?

**Application:** What things might blind us to the truth about Jesus, even as believers?

5. Notice that the resurrection of Lazarus was still a source of contention with the Pharisees. Why do you think that the greater his miracles and the higher his approval with the crowds, the more Jesus was hated by the religious leaders?
  
6. What's important about the fact that some Greeks were seeking after Jesus? What does this say about the future reach of Jesus' message?
  
7. How was the coming crucifixion "glorifying" the Son of Man (v. 23)? **Application:** What does this say about the importance of obeying God's will even through the most difficult of times?
  
8. How does Jesus relate death and fruitfulness? **Application:** What does this principle mean for your own desire to be fruitful in the Kingdom?
  
9. Given the context, what does it mean for those who serve Jesus to follow him (v. 26)? **Application:** What implication does this have for every Christian?
  
10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?