

Text: John 12: 12-19

Title: Jesus is the King of Peace.

Easter Series: Jesus: Strength for today; Hope for tomorrow.

Questions to ask: **Who, What, Where, When, How and Why**

Who was in the crowd?

What was the crowd doing?

How did Jesus come into Jerusalem?

1. Who was in the crowd? Verses 17-18

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.

These were people coming to _____,

They were following Jesus because they had seen or heard about _____.

Today when Jews celebrate the Passover, they complete “*the seder*” with the words, “_____”

The crowds of the day were looking for Jesus for what he could do for _____:

Would He take _____ back from the _____?

They were not looking for a _____ but rather we want a _____

Jesus wants us to place our _____ in Him for today and look for _____ in the future Kingdom

2. What was the crowd doing? V12-13

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the King of Israel!”

“Hosanna! means “_____, _____!”

Psalm 118:25-26

²⁵ *O LORD, save us;*

O LORD, grant us success.

²⁶ *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.*

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

They were waving _____, for the Israelites this was the equivalent of the V sign after the war.

The devotion they initially showed came from _____ reasons and when it was not fulfilled it became _____.

We are called to love God and our neighbours but not for what they can do for us but because of what Jesus has already done for us.

How did Jesus come into Jerusalem? Verses 14-16

¹⁴ *Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,*

¹⁵ *“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion;*

see, your king is coming,

seated on a donkey’s colt.”

¹⁶ *At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.*

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a _____

He was fulfilling Zechariah 9:9–10

⁹ *Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!*

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and having salvation,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ *I will take away the chariots from Ephraim*

*and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

He was removing _____ and _____.
He was coming as a _____ but not the kind the crowd wanted,
He was coming to bring _____ to all **mankind** not just the nation of _____.

This is why Jesus came on a donkey, because His Kingdom is the _____ for tomorrow.

In conclusion, why is this important today? Let's look at verse 19

¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Let's go back a few verses v9-11

⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

The Pharisees were planning all along to somehow kill both _____ and _____.

The Pharisees used that week to plan the _____ and _____ of Jesus.

God Almighty had a plan from the beginning of time for that week for the Sacrifice of the Lamb for the sins of the world and to _____ His Son from the _____ to life eternal, to start the new Kingdom of _____ that Jesus was showing by riding on a _____.

What are **you** doing this week?