

## The Moment that Changed Everything!

The Passion  
John 12:12-19

**April 5, 2020**

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

#### *Context:*

Jesus offered himself as king as he rode into Jerusalem during his triumphal entry. He was offering a new kingdom and eternal life. Thus began the final portion of his journey to the event that changed everything: His atoning death on the cross

#### **Key Scripture -**

<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."

## **DISCUSSION & APPLICATION**

- 1. Jesus was in control of everything as he rode into Jerusalem to announce himself as king. He was in the last stages of his mission, which was to make atonement for sin on the cross. How does the Lord's control over these events help you to trust him in uncertain times?**
  
- 2. Jesus was resolute. Nothing would stop him now. He knew that he needed to pay for sin or there would be no hope. Jesus is equally determined to watch over you. There is nothing that can stop him from protecting his sheep. How do you see him protecting you right now? How does this story give you confidence that he is sovereign over the Coronavirus?**
  
- 3. Each of us is left with a decision. Will I become a Jesus-follower by believing in him and repenting of sin? Will I give all of myself to him? You see, he left no middle-ground. His death was the final stake in the heart of Satan. His words, "It is finished," changed everything forever. It is an offer of salvation and new life. What are you going to do about that?**

## **NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC**

**Next Week: Easter Sunday!!**