



Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Title: *Hope Reflected*

Text: John 12:12-26

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Big Idea: The Triumphal Entry is one of most misunderstood moments in Jesus' life, yet it foreshadowed and reflected the greatest hope in human history.

Triumphal Entry reflects truths about Jesus that help us prepare for Easter:

- 1) The **kingship** of Jesus is reflected. (John 12:12-18 / Luke 19:41-42)
- 2) The **rejection** of Jesus is reflected. (John 12:19 / John 15:18-19)
- 3) The **world-wide mission** of Jesus is reflected. (John 12:20-21 / 1 Peter 3:18)
- 4) The **eternal hope** of Jesus is reflected. (John 12:23-26 / Revelation 19:11-13)

Palm Sunday is King Jesus saying to His followers; "Follow Me for who I Am rather than for who you want me to be."

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

- 1) Share about a time when looking in a mirror caused you to mix up your directions. How does this illustrate that "things in life are not always what they seem?"
- 2) People often "invent" a Jesus specific to their own needs or opinions. What are some of the common misperceptions you've heard about Jesus? How could our lives validate the truth about Jesus as King?
- 3) The mission of Jesus is without ethnic and national borders. How do the events of Easter reflect that mission and what does it mean for our Christian daily life?
- 4) Read John 12:23-26 and list the both the positives and negatives about what Jesus is saying. How can the negatives of "death, losses, and hates life" be seen as victories?
- 5) Read Revelation 19:11-13. In light of the coming victories of Christ, to what specific godly actions can we be motivated to remain faithful?