

Adjust Your Expectations > John 12:12-19

12:12-15 *They say, John says.* What we call “Palm Sunday” began here, in these verses, when Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem as God’s King – but not quite in the way that the scriptures described him. The people hoped for a political and military leader who would throw off the shackles of Rome. Yet, John notes that the disciples eventually came to see him according to what the Bible prophesied: as the humble, peaceful King who would protect and rescue his people.

12:16-19 *Who is Jesus?* John reveals three different understandings of Jesus that day: that of the crowds, looking for a powerful king. The Pharisees, who saw Christ as a threat to the status quo. And the Bible, which showed that God’s King would not be like the kings of the earth.

Background: John 11 tells us of how Jesus came to be opposed by the religious leaders and yet adored by the crowds. John 12 shows us how that began to unfold.

The Point: Worship Jesus for who he is according to the Bible.

Head: Know that God had already said who his promised King would be, what he would do, and what he would look like. Jesus did not conform to popular expectations.

Heart: Believe that the Messiah who is most needed is exactly who God had provided – a King who defeated our ultimate enemies of sin and death.

Hands: How will you respond to God’s King in worship?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
