

# Your King Is Coming

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## Introduction

As we study John 12 we find ourselves in the last week of Jesus life which John writes about in chapters 12-19.

## Lazarus on Display

**9**The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

## The Chief Priests' Murderous Intentions

**10**But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;  
**11**because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

See also John 11:47-53.

Lazarus, whom Jesus loved and whom Jesus raised from the dead is now the object of the chief priests' murderous thoughts and intentions. Why? What did he do to earn such hatred? All Lazarus did was to get sick and die. Jesus raised him from the dead.

“When the chief priests **made plans to put Lazarus to death**, it betrayed an astounding refusal to allow their beliefs to be changed by undeniable facts. They would rather destroy the evidence than change their minds. This is not rational behavior, but sin produces irrational action.” (ESV Study Bible, Notes)

**Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40)**

**12**On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

**13**took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”

**Palm branches**

“By waving palm branches (a Jewish national symbol) the people hail Jesus as the Davidic king and echo the language of Ps. 118:25–26, hoping that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Most of the crowd probably understood the title King of Israel in a political and military sense, still hoping that Jesus would use his amazing powers to resist Roman rule and lead the nation to independence.” (ESV Study Bible, Notes)

**Hosanna**

Literally in Hebrew, “O Lord, save”. “By Jesus’ time it had become a strictly liturgical formula of praise, however, and was used as an exclamation of praise to God.” (NET Study Note)

**Even the King of Israel** – (Mark 11:10 “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David”)

**Psalm 118:25-26**

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, do save, we beseech You;

O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

**14**Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

**(Matthew 21:1-3, 6-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:29-35)**

**15**“FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

“Fear not” may be taken from Isa. 40:9, where the reference is to the one who brings good tidings to Zion (cf. Isa. 44:2).” (ESV Study Bible, Notes)

“Jesus is depicted as the humble shepherd-king of Zech. 9:9, who comes to the Holy City to take his rightful place. An early messianic prophecy speaks of a ruler from Judah who, riding on a donkey, will command the obedience of nations (Gen. 49:10–11).” (ESV Study Bible Notes)

**Delayed Understanding**

**16**These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

John 2:22

“So when he was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.”

**Luke 24:25-27, 44-48****The Ongoing Effect of Lazarus' Resurrection**

**17**So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*.

**18**For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

### **The Pharisees' Panic and Desperation**

**19**So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

"The world" is an obvious overstatement, highlighting the Pharisees' exasperation (cf. Acts 17:6).  
(ESV Study Bible Notes)

See also John 11:47-48.

### **Application**

If we are the objects of God's love we will be the objects the world's hatred.

John 15:18-20

1 John 3:13 "Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you."

2 Timothy 3:12 "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Our King is coming. When He comes He will be "coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other." (Matthew 24:30-31)

We should be looking for His return.

As His witnesses we should be testifying to others the good news of Jesus life, death, resurrection, ascension and second coming.