



Sermon Questions

March 24, 2024 | Scripture: John 12:12-19 (Palm Sunday)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. This passage features four different characters or groups of characters: Jesus, the crowds, the disciples, and the Pharisees. What is going through the minds of each of these? What are their expectations regarding Jesus?
2. How is Jesus responding to the crowd's kingly expectations?

Inward Grace in Action

3. Consider your own heart as you come into Holy Week this year. Are you relating to Jesus as a disciple, a person in the crowd, or a Pharisee? How so?
4. Who are you looking for Jesus to be right now? What are your expectations for Jesus?
5. How are you managing your expectations for Jesus these days? Are you ignoring or downplaying them? Are you raising your expectations?

Outward Grace in Action

6. Read Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 26 included below to see what it means for Jesus to be king. Spend some time this Holy Week meditating on this question: What will Jesus have to do to fulfill the office of king?

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us[1], and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies[2].

[1] Ps. 110:3. Matt. 28:18-20. John 17:2. Col. 1:13.

[2] Ps. 2:6-9. Ps. 110:1-2. Matt. 12:28. 1 Cor. 15:24-26. Col. 2:15.

7. How does this Palm Sunday passage prepare you to worship the Lord this Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Leviticus 23:33-44
- Psalm 118
- Zechariah 9
- Mark 11:1-11
- Colossians 1:15-23
- Revelation 7:9-17

Serve: [Could you serve as an usher on Sundays?](#)

Pray: Pray that the Lord will draw friends, family, and neighbors to himself through our church this Holy Week.

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