

Sermon: New Life, New Way part 3- This Way to Jerusalem
Sunday April 5, 2020
Text: John 12:12-19

Preparing our heart to go to His Word:

John 12:12–19 (ESV)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!”

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Prayer:

New Observations: (other Gospel accounts- Marr. 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 20:28:40)

The journey, the preparation, the arrival, the response...:

New Life, New Way (Truth revealed):

1. The “new and better” King has come to His people

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

2. A Choice- Rejoice or Reject this King

New Life, New Way (Truth applied):

Who do you want to be King and How will you worship Him?

1. The *temporal* kings give us today but take our tomorrow
2. The Eternal King gives you His Kingdom today and tomorrow

“When you give God your *all*, you’ll receive His *all*.”

For Private Reflection: In prayerful contemplation, imagine yourself as one of the persons present for the triumphal entry (donkey’s owner, one of the disciples, a “skeptic” in the crowd”). Consider His *kingship* in your life and while taking time to journal your thoughts.

Our “Love Your Neighbor” Challenge: With the Holy Spirit, ask how His kingship effects a new way of loving others. Act quickly on those answers and share your testimony!