

WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

--JOHN 12:12-26--

INTRODUCTION:

Last Sunday, as we looked at the people involved in the event in the first eleven verses of John 12 we saw that when it comes to Jesus, some choose to believe and some choose to not believe and this is a decision that must be made by every person when confronted with the truth of Jesus Christ. We either believe that He is the Savior of the world as He said, or we reject Him and do not believe that He is the Savior of the world. This morning we are going to look at what is called Palm Sunday or the Triumphal Entry. We will again be looking at those involved in this event and how they responded. There are no individuals, but groups of people and how they responded to Jesus.

I. THE VACILATING CROWD (John 12:9, 12-14, 17-18)

- a. This morning we celebrate _____ Sunday. We come to the end of 33 years, we come to the end of Jesus' life and ministry.
- b. Last Sunday I talked about the crowd that heard Jesus was in Bethany and came hoping to see Jesus, but also hoping to see _____, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- c. Two _____, Jesus is leading the crowd from Bethany, the other crowd is pouring out of Jerusalem coming to meet Him.
- d. Some of the people began to shout out, "*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.*" (John 12:13b, NASB95)
- e. Luke 19 shows us that Jesus knew that this crowd before Him and around Him and behind Him were not His _____ followers. (Luke 19:39-44)

II. THE PERPLEXED DISCIPLES (John 12:15-16)

- a. The next group that we have are Jesus _____ and they were perplexed.
- b. John said that they did not understand until Jesus was _____, before that they were perplexed and confused. (John 14:26)
- c. It is easier for us to _____ because we are on this side.

III. THE FRUSTRATED PHARISEES (John 12:19)

- a. In verse 19 we come to our third group, the frustrated _____. (Luke 11:53)
- b. Verse 19 says, "*So the Pharisees said to one another, 'You see that you are not doing any good; look, the _____ has gone after Him.'*" (John 12:19, NASB95) (John 11:47-52)
- c. Back to chapter twelve, they are in a _____, and this is where Jesus wants them.

IV. THE QUESTIONING GENTILES (John 12:20-26)

- a. In this crowd are some _____, or Greeks.
- b. John tells us that they came to Phillip, they see that he is associated with Jesus, they come up to him and say, "Sir, we wish to _____ Jesus."
- c. This is interesting, it is like a _____ to the whole nation of Israel.
- d. They came and though it does not say it, it implies that Jesus _____ them.
- e. In the midst of this crowd who is hailing Him as the Messiah and King, He talks about His _____.
- f. If Jesus does not go to the cross and die, then there are no people in _____, no souls redeemed.
- g. Then He tells this group, "*He who loves his life loses it, and he who _____ his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.*" (John 12:25, NASB95)
- h. Then He continues in verse 26 and says, "*If anyone serves Me, he must _____ Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will _____ him.*" (John 12:26, NASB95)

CONCLUSION:

I want you to look inside your heart this morning. We saw four different groups of people in this passage. The crowd was caught up in the enthusiasm of the moment, but Jesus knew they were fickle, that in a few days they would be calling for His death. The disciples loved the Lord, but they were perplexed by all that was happening,

they did not fully understand until the Holy Spirit came and reminded them of all things that Jesus had said and taught them from the Scriptures. The Pharisees were frustrated because Jesus was forcing their hand. The Gentiles were seeking the truth and Jesus took them to the cross, He said, "I have to die, then you have to die. But the payoff, you get to be with Me where I am, and there be honored forever by God." That is the greatness of saving grace.

Where are you this morning? Are you seeking the truth, you will not find it in this world. You will find it and eternal life in Jesus Christ. If you have never put your faith in Jesus Christ do so this morning, die to yourself and take the eternal life He offers through faith in Him. Paul said, "*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;*" (Romans 10:9, NASB95) You who already have put your faith in Jesus Christ rejoice that Jesus went to the cross and died for you, and rejoice that the next time He returns to the earth it will be on the white horse of victory as He takes back the earth and establishes His kingdom and reigns in righteousness.