

God's Providence

GOD'S PROVIDENCE AND CELEBRATION

John 12:12-36

Every gospel writer includes the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. All four authors share different details unique to their audience.

In moving forward in faithfulness,
how are we to follow King Jesus?

1. In Humility (vv. 12-19)
 - a. without being defensive of adversaries (2 Kings 8:13)
 - b. without becoming infatuated with praise (vv. 12-13)
 - c. without confusion regarding the context of God's plan (vv. 14-15)
 - d. without others understanding everything (v. 16)
2. In Self-Sacrifice (vv. 20-26)
 - A. SETTING: Greeks seek Jesus (vv. 20-21)
 - b. Statement regarding the purpose for Jesus (v. 23)
 - c. Statement regarding the purpose for others (v. 24)
 - i. Must 'die' to bear much fruit
 - ii. Must 'hate your life' to save it
 - iii. Must 'serve' to receive the Father's honor

3. In Walking in the Light (vv. 27-36)
 - a. Jesus affirms His purpose (vv. 27-28a)
 - b. The Father affirms Jesus' purpose (v. 28b)
 - i. The crowd's response (v. 29)
 - ii. Jesus' explanation (v. 30)
 - (a.) Judgment is secured (v. 31)
 - (b.) Effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice is secured (vv. 24 and 32)
 - (c.) Description of the type of death Jesus would suffer is given (vv. 33-34)
 - c. Jesus' instruction (v. 35-36)

The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts.

PRESENTATION: It is the story of the King who came —

1. not on a prancing steed but on a lowly donkey
2. not in royal robes but in the clothes of the poor
3. not by force but in love, grace, mercy, and sacrifice
4. not leading armies or in splendor but in lowliness and servanthood.

Jesus conquers not nations but hearts and minds.

Jesus' message is eternal peace with God, not the temporary peace of man.

MESSAGE: His message is one of peace with God. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and with hope. Whether in Celebration with those who agree, in conflict with those who are enemies, or in conversation with those seeking Him, Jesus is come to

- a. Glorify the Father's name (vv.27-30)
- b. Bring judgment on the ruler of this world (vv. 31-34)
- c. Provide light for mankind (vv. 35-36)

