

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

John 12:1-19 – Halt! Who Goes There?

My Story

1. What do you like best about parades: Bands? Floats? Costumes? Food vendors? What do you like the least: Traffic? Crowds? Litter?

Digging Deeper

2. What do the words and actions of the crowd tell you about their hopes and plans for Jesus? Why did Jesus allow this display of public enthusiasm, when earlier He had discouraged it (see 6:15; 7:1-8)?
3. Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled prophecy (see Psalm 118:26 & Zech. 9:9), even though the people didn't realize it until later (v.16)?

4. John 12:12-19 is known as the Triumphant Entry. Consider other events from Jesus' final week (read John 18:12, 39-40; John 19:1-3, 16-18, 40). From the world's perspective is this a triumph? What makes Christ's death so triumphal for Christians?

Reflection

5. The crowd expected Jesus to conquer the Romans, but Jesus came to conquer something else. Share a time when you have wanted Jesus to be a conqueror over your circumstances. Is that why He came? Explain.
6. How can you make sure that you have a correct understanding of Christ? Why is this important?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Think of some specific ways you can praise Jesus this week for offering to save you from your sins. How can your worship show Him that He is your Conquering King?

Praises / Prayer Requests

