



Easter *April 9*

BIG IDEA

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." John 12:9-19

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

Read: John 12:9-26, Zechariah 9:9

2. Jesus fulfilled about 300 prophecies from the Old Testament about the Messiah. List some of them.
3. What does this say not just about the mathematical probability, but the divine design of Jesus' ministry? How does this impact your faith?
4. The Jewish religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus, but they didn't want to create a scene during the Passover Festival. Why? Jesus, however, creates a scene through his entry into Jerusalem. Why?
5. What does John 10:17-18 have to say about Jesus' authority?

Read: John 12:24-26

6. Jesus had several options in approaching the conflict zone of Jerusalem during the Passover Festival (Hide, Stride, Ride a War Horse, or Ride a Donkey). What would the results be of each option? Which one did Jesus choose and why?
7. How do you approach your conflict zones and why? What have the results been?
8. Why does Jesus ride in on a white war horse when he returns? How must we get ready for Jesus' return? Are you ready?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How are you doing in your intentional relationship with Jesus this week?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

DEEPER

Pray: We would get an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with someone this week.

Read: John 12:9-26, Zechariah 9:9, John 10:17-18, Revelation 19:11-16. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Check out the read section for options)

Love: Share this message of hope with someone you love.