

Message Summary: Ticker-tape parades are not as common today as they once were. There was a time when our country honored our heroes and heroines with colossal parades. The Palm Sunday parade is a very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross. As we begin this Holy Week, we are reminded of its significance and value for our lives as Easter Sunday approaches. God's Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King.

Palm Sunday Parade

John 12:12-19

- 1. The palm branch represented goodness and victory - 1 Corinthians 15:55-56**
- 2. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions - Zechariah 9:9**
- 3. When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King - Psalm 118:26; Romans 10:9**
- 4. Jesus' heart broke with the reality of how much people needed a Savior - Luke 19:41-42**
- 5. The parade that started just outside of Jerusalem continues marching throughout history in the form of the church - Luke 4:16-19**
 - A. Preach Good News to the Poor. v.18
 - B. To Heal the Brokenhearted. v.18
 - C. Deliverance to the Captives. v.18
 - D. And (give) Recovery of Sight to the Blind. v.18
 - E. To set at liberty (free) those who are oppressed. v.18

Discussion Questions *LifeGroups on Spring Break*

OPEN IT- If Jesus entered the room now, how would you react or what would you shout? Why would you shout that?

EXPLORE IT- Read John 12:12-19 then take a few moments to review the outline and any additional notes people had about Sunday's sermon.

1. Like the multitude that shouted acclaim to Jesus, many people today are open to a Jesus who they think will give them what?
2. Have you ever misunderstood Jesus' purposes, praising Him one day and despairing the next? What was the basis for your misunderstanding?
3. What did you hear about Jesus that lead you to seek Him?
4. How should Jesus be the ruler in our lives?
5. How does God know when we have made Him Ruler of our life?

APPLY IT- (15 min) As Jesus approached Jerusalem, He approaches our lives. Have you allowed Jesus to take His rightful place as King in your life? Explain.