

MARCH 28•2021

*Jesus' Purpose Behind*

# PALM SUNDAY

JOHN 12:27–34  
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## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

### I. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (John 12:12–19)

- A. Jesus is celebrated as the coming King (John 12:12-15)
  - 1. The people shouted for Jesus to be Savior (John 12:13)
  - 2. The people expected Jesus to be the Messiah (John 12:13-15)
- B. Jesus elicits various reactions (John 12:16-19)
  - 1. The disciples don't get it yet (John 12:16)
  - 2. The crowd knows Jesus has great power (John 12:17-18)
  - 3. The Pharisees worry they're losing the grip on power (John 12:19, John 12:20)

### II. OUR PURSUIT OF POWER LINDS US TO TRUE LIGHT (John 12:29–36a)

- A. The crowd came to be close to power (John 12:9, 12, 17-18, 20)
- B. The way of crucifixion is the true power and authority (John 12:30-34)
  - 1. Jesus' glory shines most bright at the defeat of Satan through crucifixion (John 12:30-33)
  - 2. But the crowds could not see it (John 12:29)
  - 3. How could there possibly be power in death? (John 12:34)
- C. We walk in light when we walk as Jesus walked, we in darkness when we clamor for worldly power (John 12:35-36a)

### III. WE GLORIFY GOD THROUGH A CRUCIFORM LIFE (2 Corinthians 12:9–10)

- A. We boast in weakness
- B. We rest in the power of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18, 25)

## JOHN 12:27–34

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Who is the most powerful person you have ever known? What was it like to be around them? How did people typically react to being around them?
2. What did the people expect Jesus to do with His great power? Was the way Jesus displayed His power countercultural? How so?
3. How did the crucifixion of Jesus actually reveal His great power? How could something so humiliating and gruesome actually glorify Jesus?
4. What does it look like to live a cruciform life? What might it cost you to live such a life? How might your neighbors, friends, or family treat you if you were to walk as Jesus did?