

TAKEAWAY

Palm Sunday 2026

John 12:14-19



SHARE

If you could be King or Queen for a day, what would you do?
Can you think of an example where someone confronted a bully with the truth?

READ

John 12:1-19

DISCUSS

What stands out to you from the passage? If you heard the message on Sunday, did you learn anything new?

It may seem odd, knowing that this same crowd that is cheering, later calls for Jesus' crucifixion. Why were the people cheering Jesus? (There is a connection to the raising of Lazarus and the crowd at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem – see John 11:40-55).

What impact does Jesus' entry have on those in power and the religious elite?

Why does Jesus enter on a donkey? What was Jesus telling the crowds about his kingdom by choosing to ride a donkey into the city instead of a war-horse?
How is this act an affront to power?

What does Jesus' triumphant, but humble entrance into the city of Jerusalem have to say to us today?

John later gives a vision of the kingdom of heaven recorded in the book of Revelation (see Revelation 7:9-10) that looks remarkably similar to crowds. John implies that the King that rode in on a donkey will be worshipped forever, in the same way. What hope does this vision give us today?

The Jews expected and wanted a conquering Messiah, so they did not recognise *why* Jesus came. What sort of desires and expectations do you have of God that may cause you not to recognise Jesus when he comes to you?

PRAY