

## **The Kind of King We Need - John 12:9-19**

### **Sermon Notes for Reflection and Discussion**

- 1) Crowds and Perspectives - The sermon highlights three crowds - those in proximity to Jesus, those who are pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, and those who are persuaded Jesus is the Messiah. Which crowd do you most identify with at times in your own faith journey? At a distance but interested? Faithful? Or persuaded?
- 2) Co-opting Jesus - The sermon warns against co-opting Jesus for our personal agendas. Do you ever find yourself wanting Jesus fit your version of his kingship? "Jesus is king, and I want him to . . ."
- 3) Hosanna and Expectations - The crowd cried "Hosanna" or 'Save us! Deliver us!' expecting political liberation. How do your expectations of Jesus sometimes differ from His actual mission in your life? How do you reconcile those differences?
- 4) Jesus' Triumphal Entry - Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, symbolizing his humility. What does His choice of humility teach us demonstration of his authority and power? See Matthew 20:25-28. For many, this is a familiar statement. How do you live into? As a husband or wife? As father or mother? As an employer or employee? As leader in the armed forces, banking, education, government, or healthcare? As a neighbor?
- 5) Understanding Through the Spirit - The disciples only understood Jesus' kingship after He was glorified and the Spirit opened their eyes. How has the Holy Spirit helped you see Jesus more clearly in your own life? How can we encourage one another to rely on the Spirit for understanding? How do you perceive his kingship? See Revelation 19:11-16. Do you ever see or think of Jesus this way? What is your response to this image of Jesus?
- 6) Sunday's lesson was 1 Cor 1:10-17. How do these verses support the topic of the sermon, *The Kind of King We Need*?