

1. What did Palm Sunday mean to the _____? (vv. 12-13, 17-18)

They were mostly crying out for _____ from Roman oppression.

Were they going to listen to Jesus and allow Him to be the _____ of King that He wanted to be, or would they insist on getting the kind of king they wanted?

2. What did Palm Sunday mean to the _____? (v. 16)

John, writing many decades after these events, says that he and the other disciples didn't _____ that Jesus was declaring Himself to be their Savior, not their conquering hero.

Were they going to _____ Jesus and follow Him even though they didn't understand?

3. What did Palm Sunday mean to the _____? (v. 19)

The Jewish leaders were already confirmed in their _____ to Jesus.

But when this huge crowd proclaimed Jesus to be their King, their opposition turned into _____.

Were they going to be spiritual leaders in service to God, as was their calling, or be self-seeking _____ willing to do anything to maintain their own power.

4. What did Palm Sunday mean to _____? (vv. 14-15)

Jesus was consciously _____ God.

Jesus was declaring Himself the rightful _____ of the Jews.

And Jesus was full of _____ at their coming rejection.

Jesus' point of decision was to obey God and offer Himself up to _____, even though He was being rejected.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of March 24, 2024

Getting to Know Me

- Are you a “play it safe” kind of person or a risk-taker? What would you say is the riskiest thing you’ve ever done? Tell us about it.

- Who is the most important national or international figure you’ve ever met? Tell us about that meeting.

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week’s sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- The immediately preceding context to this scene was the raising of Lazarus from the dead (v. 17). What was it about that miracle, and others that Jesus had done, that provoked this kind of acclaim for Jesus?

- In v. 19 we see that the Triumphal Entry was a source of grave concern to the Pharisees. In John 11:57 and 12:10 we see that they had already made plans to kill Jesus, but they did not want to do so during the feast of Passover (Mark 14:1-2). How did the scene of the Triumphal Entry change their plans? Why?

- The next time Jerusalem sees her righteous King, it will be a different scene altogether. Compare and contrast this scene with that described in Rev. 19:11-16. What lessons might we draw from these observations?

Application

- Do you struggle, like the disciples, to obey Jesus when you don’t understand everything that’s going on in your life and things don’t feel good? We all do, of course. What is one aspect of that struggle that’s going on in your life right now and how can we pray for you?

- The rest of John 12 centers around the exhortation of Jesus that we need to “die to live” (vv. 25-26). Jesus has given us the ultimate example of following that principle. What do you need to “die” to right now in your life in order to move to the next stage of your life with Jesus?