

Sermon Discussion Questions: John 12:12-28

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus' hour of triumph, dying and rising for our sin, had a set time and would not arrive until His "hour had come". This reminds us that God controls the times and seasons of history. Read Isaiah 46:8-14. How does realizing that God organizes and orders the times of history give us confidence in our lives? Why is this particular time for his glory to be on display an appropriate time based on the Jewish calendar?

3. Read Psalm 118:14-26. As Jesus marched toward Jerusalem, the people quoted Psalm 118:26. What does the context of verse 26, reveal about what they expected Jesus to come and do as He entered Jerusalem? In what way was Jesus' actual plan different from the expectations of the people?

4. Read John 12:23-25. How does the death of the seed illustrate the glory of Jesus' death and resurrection? What would it look like for you to follow Jesus in serving others by dying so they live? What opportunities do you have now to die that others live and what will it cost you to serve them?

5. We as humans are so easily swayed by popular opinion, people's praise and the herding of the masses. If Jesus lived for the approval of the people, He could have avoided suffering on the cross and sought to overthrow Rome. Instead He obeyed the voice of God. Jesus says, "If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him," (John 12:26). How does realizing the Father will honor those who serve Him motivate us to serve and keep us from following the approval of people? Read Galatians 1:10 for support.