

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Overcoming Fear in the Triumphal Entry"

John 12:12-19 (Zechariah 9:9-17; John 12: 9-19)

Introduction

- What we Think Concerning Jesus Christ Matters Greatly – Wrong Ideas Lead to Fear

I. What People thought concerning who Jesus was & Why They Celebrated His entry into Jerusalem (vs. 12-13, 17-19)

- A. Jesus the Messianic King Enters Jerusalem (vs. 12-13, 17-18; John 11:19)
- B. A Political Messiah – NOT! (vs. 10-11, 19; 11:53; 12:10, 19; 11:48; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; John 11:47-52; 6:15; Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6; Psalm 118:25-26; Ephesians 1:21)

II. Why Jesus Rode on a Donkey (vs. 14-15)

- A. A Symbol of a Different Deliverer & Kingdom than What the People had Conceived (v. 14; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22)
- B. To Assure the People to "Fear Not!" (v. 15; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 26:56; 1 Corinthians 2:8)

III. Why the Disciples Did Not Understand the Significance of this Special Event (v. 16)

- Had Not Received the Promised Comforter – the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14)

Conclusion and Application

- Does Your Understanding of Jesus Christ Lead you to live in Fear or to Live in Peace by Faith in Him? (John 12:23; Revelation 6:1-2; 19:15-16; 2 Corinthians 4:17)