

“The Humble King”

John 12:12-26

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In John 12 Jesus announces that “His hour has come.” He was ready to die as the substitute for sinners. That is why He was born. That is why He came to Jerusalem. The crowds mistakenly praised Him as a political revolutionary, whereas He knew He came the first time as the humble King to save sinners.

1. Public Adoration of the Humble King (12-15)

“the great multitude...took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD, even the King of Israel.’ And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt’ ”

2. Private Speculation of the Humble King (16-19)

“These things His disciples did not understand at the first...The Pharisees therefore said to one another, ‘You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him’ ”

3. Prophetic Exhortation of the Humble King (20-26)

“And Jesus answered them, saying, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorifiedHe who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal’ ”