

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **The Triumphant Purpose of Jesus**

The Triumphal Entry and the perspective of the World

John 12:12-15, 17-18 (ESV)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸**The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.**

The world will always be interested in ...

The Triumphal Entry and the perspective of the Disciples

John 12:16 (ESV)

His disciples **did not understand these things at first**, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

When did all the pieces fit for the disciples?

The Triumphal Entry and the perspective of the Pharisees

John 12:19 (ESV)

¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. **Look, the world has gone after him.**"

Why did they not believe?

Jesus and His ultimate purpose

John 12:23-24 (ESV)

²³"The hour has come for the Son of Man **to be glorified.** ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Jesus and His ultimate purpose **for me**

John 12:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If 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.

_____ my _____

_____ this _____

_____ the _____ ... how?

Jesus and the **achievement** of His purpose

John 12:27-34 (ESV)

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But **for this purpose I have come to this hour.** ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? **Who is this Son of Man?**”

The answer to their question and why every single person should believe in Jesus:

A Tragic Conclusion:

John 12:35-37a (ESV)

³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” ³⁷**Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him ...**

A not-so-subtle warning:

The impotence of ‘proof’: