

Series: Life to the Full; *Sermon:* **Life to the Full Globally**
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***Bible text explored:* John 12:12–19**

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!” ^[a]

¹⁶His 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. 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. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” [ESV]

^[a] *Zech. 9:9*

Review and application:

1. The first half of John’s Gospel, explored over the past year, concentrate on signs that verify who Jesus is. What was the final, most telling of these signs?
(See *John 1:4* and *11:25-26*.)

In today’s passage we transition to the primary theme of the second half of this Gospel: the glory of the only Son, first shared privately with his disciples, but then culminating in his death and resurrection.

2. What did the festival that had drawn the large crowds to Jerusalem celebrate?
(See *John 12:1* and *Exod. 12:1-13*.)
3. What motivated the crowd (*vv. 12-13*) to stream out to meet Jesus on his arrival?
What did the palm branches symbolize? (See *Rev. 7:9-10*.)
On what was the crowd’s chant based? (See *Ps. 118:25-26*.)
4. How (*vv. 14-15*) did the mount Jesus chose for his entry . . .
. . . affirm his divine credentials?
. . . signal that his mission was neither military nor political?
How does reverent fear of God dissolve our fears of others?
5. What (*v. 16*) did Jesus’ disciples make of this procession at the time?
What did they realize later?
What perspective does this provide for aspects of our faith that seem unclear to us?
6. What (*vv. 17-18*) hopes had drawn the crowd?
How are we doing at telling others about how Jesus could make their lives fulfilling?
How can we respond positively to immature enthusiasm?
7. What (*v. 19*) was behind the hostility of the Pharisees? (See also *John 11:47-48*.)
How is the sovereignty of a good God the solution to jealousy?