Palm Sunday "Who is Jesus?"

Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 10:30AM | Pastor Dan Moran

John 12: 12-19 (NASB)

"On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13. took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." 14. Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15. "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." 16. These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him. 17. So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him. 18. For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign. 19. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

Make sure the Word of God informs your view of who Jesus is; Christ the Lord.

John 11:45-46 (NASB)...45. Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. 46. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

John 11:55-57 (NASB)...55. Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves. 56. So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?" 57. Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it, so that they might seize Him.

Who is this Jesus?

The Crowd sees Jesus as: A Celebrity Ticket

2 Kings 9:13 which tells us how "each man took his garment and placed it under" Jehu, son of Jehoshaphat, blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

John 6:15...15. So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

Many times when Jesus or Christianity doesn't meet our expectations, then we'll just reject Jesus.

Jesus will not always meet your expectations. Jesus will not always give you what you want, but he will always give you what you need.

• The Pharisees see Jesus as: Competition.

John 11:47-48 (NASB)...47. Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. 48. "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

Matthew 27:18 (NASB)...18. For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over.

Sin blinds the eyes of all people so they may not see Jesus and treasure His worth.

• The Scripture sees Jesus as: Christ the Lord.

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB)... 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Psalm 22:7, 14-18...

7. All who see me sneer at me;

They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,

14. I am poured out like water,

And all my bones are out of joint;

My heart is like wax;

It is melted within me.

15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;

And You lay me in the dust of death.

16. For dogs have surrounded me;

A band of evildoers has encompassed me;

They pierced my hands and my feet.

17. I can count all my bones.

They look, they stare at me;

18. They divide my garments among them,

And for my clothing they cast lots.

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Matthew 12:14-15...14. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. 15. But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there.

When we put our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus blood, we who are enslaved to sin are set free and are able to enter into the eternal Promised Land. When we are set free from the bondage of sin, we are able to worship God freely.

Jesus is not a celebrity King, not in competition.

Jesus is Christ the King!