

DIFFERENT FOLKS, DIFFERENT STROKES

John 12:12-36

April 10, 2022

1. The Crowds

☞ ***They believed that God would deliver them and they were looking for His coming (vv. 12-15)***

- Some truly desired God
- Some were looking for deliverance from the Romans

"Hosanna" - Save Us, O Lord

Quoting Psalm 118 - a Messianic psalm...

- So also today, some long for his appearing out of a desire to see Him face to face, to see His glory and to worship Him. Others long only for deliverance from their troubles

☞ ***Some were just curious (vv. 17-18)***

☞ ***They did not understand the cross (vv. 32-34)***

Note: The phrase "all people" does not suggest universal salvation. It means "all people without distinction," that is, Jews and Gentiles.

- ☞ ***They didn't understand their need.***
- ☞ ***They didn't understand God's love.***
- ☞ ***They didn't understand the Scriptures.***

2. The Disciples

☞ ***They did not understand what was happening, but still followed to the best of their understanding (v. 16)***

Deuteronomy 29:29 - ^(ESV) The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

3. The Pharisees and leaders of the people

☞ ***were threatened by Jesus' popularity (v. 19)***

4. The Greeks

☞ ***came to see Jesus (vv. 20-21)***

vs. the crowds who came to see a miracle

5. The Donkey

It's NOT ABOUT ME!!!

6. Jesus (vv. 27-28)

☞ ***saw the path to glory going through the cross (1 Corinthians 1:23).***

☞ ***struggled with the pain He knew was coming (Hebrew 12:11)***

Psalm 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

☞ ***desired His Father's glory***

☞ ***was committed to servicing His Father, no matter what the cost (Luke 14:25-33)***

7. Us (vv. 25-26)

☞ ***We must choose. Either we follow Him, even at the cost of our own preferences, OR we love our lives in this world.***

☞ ***We must Believe in the light while there is still time.***

(v. 36)

A Truth to Remember: Jesus went to the cross intentionally. He did it so that His Father might be glorified in us who believe, so that we might live.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you clinging to some comfort or area of your life, fearfully unwilling to give it up for God?

One thing I heard this morning was...

One way I heard the gospel this morning was...