

Palm Sunday

Scripture Reading - John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Questions:

1. What gained the interests of the crowd to gather and see Jesus?
(See verses 13, 17, and 18)
2. What are the two reactions to Jesus in this passage?
(See verses 13 and 19)
3. What kind of king do you think the people who greeted Jesus were expecting – a powerful king who is coming to judge in might, or a king who came to suffer and die?
4. Read *Revelation 19:11-16*. When Jesus comes back, what kind of king will he be?

Something to pray...

Jesus, we thank you and we praise you that you came to suffer and die for our sins, but we know also that you are coming back in power to make war with the nations. God, we know that some will receive you as king, but others will hate and reject you.

Help us to receive you and worship you as king, because there is an even greater sign that you have given to us, better than raising Lazarus from the dead: your own resurrection. You are worthy to be worshiped as king. Amen.

