

## **“Palm Sunday: Using Jesus for our Own Ends”**

**John 12:12-16    3/28/21**

**Sermon Series- Resurrection Week 2021**

Before it was NOT Jesus’ HOUR (Jn. 6:15; 7:30; 8:20), but now His time has arrived and He arranges it by purposely riding on a donkey (Zech 9:9; Luke 9:51).

### **LESSON 1-** The misunderstanding of the King’s SUBJECTS

- A. The people were coming because they had heard of the rising of Lazarus (John 12:9-11; John 2:23-25; John 6:15; **6:26-33**)
- B. The people were coming because they wanted a political SAVIOR (Psalm 118:23-26; Luke 19:11; 17:20-21)

**Discipleship Moment**     *God wants us to realize that before we see Jesus as King we must see Him as Savior.*

### **LESSON 2-** The misunderstanding of the King’s PROPHECY

- A. They did not realize that Jesus was the prince of PEACE (He was riding a donkey not a war stallion; 2<sup>nd</sup> coming Rev 19:11-16)

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9*

**Discipleship Moment**     *God wants us to receive the will of God according to His timeframe and plan!*

### **LESSON 3-** The misunderstanding of the King’s DISCIPLES

- A. The disciples did not understand or submit to the Lord’s WORD (**Luke 9:43-46**; Matt 16:21; 17:22-23; 18:1)

**Discipleship Moment**     *God wants us to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as He guides us through His Word and not according to our demands.*

***The World wants: Jesus’ throne, but not His cross; His crown of gold, but not His crown of thorns; His salvation, but not His humility. And us?***

## **Background to the Feast of Hannukah**

**(8-day feast of celebration of throwing off Greek power; ca. 168-167 BC)**

**2 Maccabees 10:1** (148<sup>th</sup> year; 1 Macc 4:36-59). Now Maccabeus and his company, the Lord guiding them, recovered the temple and the city: <sup>2</sup> But the altars which the heathen had built in the open street, and also the chapels, they pulled down. <sup>3</sup> And having cleansed the temple they made another altar, and striking stones they took fire out of them, and offered a sacrifice after two years, and set forth incense, and lights, and showbread. <sup>4</sup> When that was done, they fell flat down, and besought the Lord that they might come no more into such troubles; but if they sinned any more against him, that he himself would chasten them with mercy, and that they might not be delivered unto the blasphemous and barbarous nations. <sup>5</sup> Now upon the same day that the strangers profaned the temple, on the very same day it was cleansed again, even the five and twentieth day of the same month, which is Kislev. <sup>6</sup> And they kept the eight days with gladness, as in the feast of the tabernacles, remembering that not long afore they had held the feast of the tabernacles, when as they wandered in the mountains and dens like beasts. <sup>7</sup> Therefore they **bare branches, and fair boughs, and palms also,** and sang psalms unto him that had given them good success in cleansing his place. <sup>8</sup> They ordained also by a common statute and decree, that every year those days should be kept of the whole nation of the Jews.

**1 Maccabees 13:51** And (Simon) entered into it the three and twentieth day of the second month in the hundred seventy and first year (143-142 BC), with thanksgiving, and **branches of palm trees,** and with harps, and cymbals, and with viols, and hymns, and songs: because there was destroyed a great enemy out of Israel. <sup>52</sup> He ordained also that that day should be kept every year with gladness. Moreover, the hill of the temple that was by the tower he made stronger than it was, and there he dwelt himself with his company.