

# Sermon Outline

“SEE, YOUR KING IS COMING ...” | Geoff Lin

Readings: John 12:12-19

Jn 12:12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, *“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”*

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:  
*15 “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”*

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

## 1. What happens when Jesus gets to Jerusalem ...

### Q1. What do the crowd think is happening? (vv12-13)

Ps 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

Jn 1:49 Then Nathanael declared, **“Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”** 50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

### Q2. What does Jesus think is happening? (vv14-15)

Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

### Q3. What do the disciples think is happening? (v16)

Jn 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

### Q4. What do the Pharisees think is happening? (vv17-19)

## 2. So what, for us?

Rev 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

## i. how we think about ministry success and failure in 2023

- site redevelopment (and gathering reconfiguration)
- Explore
- Belong
- Deep Dive & Sing The Gospel
- Ministry Apprentices and Student Ministers

## ii. how we think about our personal lives in 2024

*I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation,  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.*