

Sermon Notes 04.02.2017 "Seeing Jesus – The Triumphal Entry"

John's Gospel Tells Us Jesus Went Up To Jerusalem Four Other Times Before The Triumphal Entry

Every Time He Went for a Feast and it Was Always a Place of Conflict and Opposition

- The first visit was shortly after the miracle at the wedding in Cana (John 2)
- The second visit was after ministering to the Samaritan woman at the well
He came to Jerusalem and they accused Jesus because He healed the man at the pool on the Sabbath and said the God was His father (John 5)
- The Third visit he went up secretly to the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)

John 7:37-38 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus **stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"**

John 7:43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

- The Fourth visit was for the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) –

John 10:24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? **If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.**"

John 10:25-27 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. 26 "But **you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;**

This fifth time Jesus goes up to Jerusalem – We See - This Time is Different

The Donkeys – Fulfillment of Prophecy (They Understood Later)

Matthew 21:1-7 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. 3 "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" 6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.

See The Crowds coming with Jesus and the crowds coming out of Jerusalem

Matthew 21:8-11 Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. 9 **The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!"** 10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds were saying, "This is the

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Luke 19:37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, **the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,**

John 12:12-13 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,**

See the People Spreading their Garments and Laying Down Branches

The People Cried Out

Matthew 21:9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "**Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!**"

Mark 11:9-10 ...**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;**

Luke 19:38 shouting: "**BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**"

Conflict With the Chief Priests and the Scribes – Silence Your Followers

Matthew 21:16 "...and said to Him, "Do You hear what these *children* are saying?" And Jesus *said to them, "**Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF'?**"

Luke 19:40-42 "But Jesus answered, "**I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!**" 41 When He approached *Jerusalem*, **He saw the city and wept over it,** 42 saying, "**If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.**"

Everyone Who Was Following Jesus Was Jumping & Shouting

But, What Do we See? In the midst of "It" – Jesus says, This isn't "It"

We See, That when Life is About Jesus – Life is Not About the Glory Here

In The Midst of All of This – Jesus Knew This Was Not His Triumph

John 12:27 "**Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.** 28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "**I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**"

...And He did glorify it again – At the Cross and the Resurrection

When We Follow Jesus – Our Eyes Need to be On Him

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26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; **if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.**