

“Our Servant King”
John 12:12-19

The true King comes as the ultimate Servant.

1. The Tragedy of the Event

Tragic:

- (1) Because our Lord Jesus rides to His death! cf. v. 7

- (2) Because of the almost universal unbelief of Israel

- (3) Because we are witnessing Israel’s judgment sealed
 - cf. Lk. 19:41-44 *“If you had known...”*
“You did not recognize the day of your visitation”

- (4) Because of the religious leaders’ rejection of Christ cf. 11:53, 57; 12:10-11

- (5) Because of the fickleness of the multitude

2. The Glory of the Event

(1) The Glory of the event seen in Authenticating Signs

-1- The Praise of the people (12-13)

- Portions of Ps. 118 chanted on certain of the most solemn festivals

- “Hosanna!” = “Save now!”

*“Hosanna!
‘Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the LORD!’
The King of Israel!”*

- 2- Jesus’ Entrance upon a colt (14-15) *“Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:
- Jesus’ Identity Unmistakable!
- the Scriptures fulfilled to the letter (Zech. 9:9) ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion;
Behold, your King is coming,
Sitting on a donkey’s colt.’ ”*

-3- The Response of the people to the Sign Miracle: The Raising of Lazarus’ (17-18)

(2) The Glory of the event seen in Its Gospel Significance

-1- Our Lord approaches as He had departed centuries before.

- cf. Ezekiel’s vision and the departure of the Shekinah glory – Ezek. 10-11
- Who approaches? The Lord of glory!

-2- The Unfolding of God’s sovereign plan

-3- The Lord Jesus as Servant of all

- The true King and Savior comes in meekness! “Fear not!”

Further Application