

Easter 2025
Palm Sunday

1. A Misunderstood Moment (John 12:12–15)

- The crowd welcomed Jesus with palm branches and cries of “Hosanna!”
- They saw Him as a political liberator, not a suffering servant.
- Jesus enters on a donkey—not a war horse—fulfilling Zechariah 9:9.

2. A Clarity That Came Later (John 12:16)

- The disciples didn’t understand the significance of the moment until after Jesus’ resurrection.
- Sometimes God’s work is only clear in hindsight.

3. A Crowd With Mixed Motives (John 12:17–18)

- The crowd gathered because of the miracle of Lazarus.
- Their excitement was based more on spectacle than surrender.

4. A Threat to the Status Quo (John 12:19)

- The Pharisees’ concern shows how Jesus challenged both religious and political systems.
- His influence was growing—and it scared them.

5. A Kingdom for All Nations (John 12:20–22)

- Greeks came looking for Jesus, signaling the global reach of His mission.
- Jesus’ kingship is not limited to one nation or people group.

6. A King Who Must Die (John 12:23–26)

- Jesus declares that His “hour has come”—the cross is near.
- Like a grain of wheat, He must die to bring life.
- Those who follow Him must also die to themselves.