



## The Crucified King 24<sup>th</sup> in the “Life in his Name” Series

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### Introduction

In this passage God teaches us how the cross explains how Jesus is both our Savior and our Lord.

### The Text: John 12:12-19

1) The world is craving a king, and Jesus has come to claim his royal office (vv. 12-13).

*(a) Royal Symbol – “They took palm branches”*

*Rev. 7:9-10: <sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

*(b) Royal Reception – “went out to meet him”*

*1 Thess. 4:16-17: <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

*(c) Royal Acclamation – “Hosanna ... Blessed is ... the King...”*

2) Jesus is the rightful King, but a very different kind of King – “the Crucified King” (vv. 14-18).

*Zechariah 9:9-11: <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.*

*What kind of King is Jesus?*

*(a) The King of all creation.*

*(b) The King of the covenant.*

### Response

Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord (King), and the cross is the coronation of the Crucified King.

## Sunday Text Questions for John 12:12-19

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- 1) Starter Question: How would our world (not just our nation!) be different if it was ruled by a humble, generous, and all-powerful king?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) This text is full of symbolic actions in v. 12-14 (e.g., crowd going out to greet Jesus, palm branches, and the donkey). How is understanding these actions in their historical context helpful for interpreting this text?
- 4) How does the crowd's going out to welcome formally a king give us insight into the nature of the welcoming the living and dead will give at the second coming of Jesus in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17?
- 5) How does this celebration of the King give meaning to the celebration and cosmic kingdom of King Jesus at the New Creation in Revelation 7:9-10?
- 6) Why is King Jesus described as a "lamb" in Rev. 7:10, and how does that relate to what the narrator is saying in our text when he describes Jesus' crucifixion as his "glorification" (v. 16)?
- 7) How is the death of Christ the act of both Savior and Lord (King)?
- 8) How does the cross explain the kind of King Jesus is for his people – for us?
- 9) What selfish responses to King Jesus are reflected by the crowd/religious leaders in vv. 18-19, and how are those responses wrong?
- 10) Concluding summary: What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

**Further study this week:** 1 Samuel 16 on David, the type of Christ (Mon); Isaiah 9 on the promise of a King (Tues); Acts 2, especially v. 30, on the arrival of the promised King (Wed); 1 Timothy 6, especially vv. 13-16, on living in obedience under the King (Thurs); Revelation 4-7 on the King of the New Creation (Fri).