

Digging Deeper: John 12:12–19

The Triumphal Entry

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Day 1: Read all the verses (John 12:12–19) at once today. Today our focus is on Jesus as our King. Read Matthew 21:1–11, Mark 11:1–11, Luke 19:29–44. Stay here. Allow these scriptures to speak about the excitement and the humility of our King. Today, clearly ask, is Jesus the Lord of your life?

Day 2: Read John 12:12–13. Connect back to Chapter 11 and the beginning of 12. Be clear on the history surrounding the triumphal entry. Read a commentary (I like Matthew Henry's – a great Puritan), and dwell here in the significance of the entry. What Old Testament prophecies does this fulfill?

Day 3: Read John 12:14–15. Today we focus on the humility of our Lord. Consider this, the Lord, our Creator and Sustainer – asking for a donkey. What does this show you? Read Philippians 2:5–8. How does this verse help you understand our reading from today? How can we pray today to become more Christlike in our own humility?

Day 4: Read John 12:16. Today we focus on the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us illumination and understanding of the Scriptures. Read John 16:4. As with the disciples and as with us, what does this verse reveal about one of the attributes of the Holy Spirit. What does this tell us about preparing our hearts and minds when we read scripture?

Day 5: Read John 12:17. Today our focus is on persevering in our faith. Many followed Jesus because they saw His miracles, like the raising of Lazarus. Then when persecution came, they fell away. Today, read the parable of the soils in Luke 8:4–21. Consider each of the soils. Pray that the seed you sow in your evangelism may fall on hundred-fold soil!

Day 6: Read John 12:17–19. Today we contrast the triumphal entry with what is about to come. The crowds cheering will soon be replaced with desertion and wailing. Today, read Isaiah 53, and meditate here. Consider this, the suffering our Lord faced is for our sin. Let us humble ourselves and pray today over our sinfulness. Consider also 1 John 1:9.