

JESUS BEFORE THE PEOPLE
(November 12, 2017)
A King Riding on a Donkey
(John 12:12-19)
Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: What holiday do you most enjoy and why?

Open:

- Where was Jesus the day before and what was going on?
- After a night of rest, where is Jesus and the 12 going?

1) The Timing – John 12:12a

- What were folks wondering? John 11:56
- How many days before Passover?
- What is significant about the Lord's death coinciding with Passover?
- Can you make sense of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27)?
- What prohibited the religious leaders from killing Jesus earlier? John 7:30, John 8:20
- According to Josephus (historian) how many lambs were sacrificed at Passover in Bible times?

2) The Triumphant Entry – John 12b-13

- Why do we now refer to this event as Palm Sunday?
- What is significant about waving palm branches?
- What does Hosanna mean? (vs. 13)
- This is a quote of an O.T. Scripture. Where is it found?

3) The Transportation – John 12:14-16

- What interesting comments does Mark's Gospel provide concerning the donkey? (11:1-6)
- Contrast how Jesus traveled with how important people today travel? What does this suggest?
- How would riding on a donkey disarm the Romans?
- What O.T. prophet predicted this? Where in his book?
- What interesting truth is conveyed knowing that no one had ever ridden this donkey?

4) The Talk – John 12:17-19

- There were two groups of people there that day. Who were they?
- What was the chatter about?

CLOSE:

- What lessons do you learn from this passage? What truth do you see?
- What applications do you see?
- Do you have any questions?
- What do you think could have been going on in the minds of the disciples, religious leaders?

❖ Take prayer requests and spend some time talking to God.