

The Paradoxical King

John 12:12-19

1. **The crowd wanted a conquering king, but confessed Jesus' true identity as the Savior.**

John 12:12-13| ¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

2. **The crowd wanted a sign for war, but they got a symbol of peace.**

John 12:14-15| ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

3. **The crowd seeks a political savior, disciples seek a resurrected one.**

John 12:16| ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

4. **The crowd desires a physical blessing, but Christ came to bring new spiritual life.**

John 12:17-18| ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

5. **The crowd that slayed him will one day salute him.**

John 12:19| ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."