

“FOLLOWING JESUS: LIFTED UP”
Palm Sunday
4/14/19

1. **JESUS RIDES INTO TOWN LIKE A KING.** (Luke 19:28-35)
 - A. **THE CROWD WHO SAW JESUS RAISE LAZARUS THREW A PARADE.** (John 12:13)

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:37-38)
 - B. **THE PHARISEES TOLD HIM TO QUIET THE CROWD.**

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.” (Luke 19:39-40)
2. **THE SON OF MAN MUST BE GLORIFIED. FINALLY!**

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (John 12:23)

 - A. **UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE EARTH AND DIES...**

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:24-25)
 - B. **WHEN JESUS IS GLORIFIED, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'D THINK. IT'S BETTER.**

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:32)
3. **THE RULER OF THIS WORLD WILL BE CAST OUT** (John 12:31)
 - A. **JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE: HIMSELF, YOU, ALL!**

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (John 2:18-21)

MEMORY VERSE

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:22)

B. THAT YOU MAY BECOME SONS OF LIGHT.

So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” (John 12:35-36)

GOING DEEPER

1. Is there a part of you that is still hidden in darkness? Try to bring it into the light of Christ and ask Him to graciously overcome it. Read John 8:12 as encouragement.
2. Read Psalm 27:1. What could your daily life look like if you took these words more seriously?