

THE UNIMPRESSIVE KING

John 12.12-19 // March 21, 2021

MILITARY CELEBRATION

Historical records from 64 and 65 AD report that around 2.7 million people were in town for Passover those years. Here in Jesus' day, it would be reasonable to expect that at least 2 million people were on hand for this festival. And here, the people wave palm branches to welcome Him, but why?

Jacob Maccabaeus: In between the writing of the Old and New Testament, the Seleucid Empire was expanding and wanted to control Judea. Eventually, a man named Jacob Maccabaeus became a Jewish national hero, eventually leading a revolt that drove out the Seleucids. In response, the Jews threw a victory parade that included the waving of palm branches. This became an annual celebration known today as Hannukah. And here, it isn't the Seleucids, but the Romans that the Jews want driven out, and Jesus, they think, is their man.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

"Hosanna" means "save now," and is known from the familiar and celebratory "hallel" psalms of Psalm 113-118. The Jews were looking to Jesus to be the one to save them from their enemies. However, Jesus instead comes riding in on a donkey's colt.

Psalm 118.24-26 // Zechariah 9.9-12

There are many times when our King does not look like the Messiah we want, the Messiah we wish He was, or the Messiah that acts how we wish He would. But He is, indeed, God's promised Messiah.

GOD BRINGS TO MIND

The disciples didn't understand what they were seeing. And so it is with us, as well. We know the verses and truths, and yet in the moment, they aren't real to us. They are just concepts on coffee mugs.

**There are pains and sorrows you will not understand.
But know this: your pains, sorrows, griefs, and tragedies will all be
forced to bow to this King and His purposes in your life.**

Romans 5.3-5 // Hebrews 5.8 // 1 Peter 4.13 // Revelation 7.9-12

Our sufferings will produce the character that eventually produces a hope that does not disappoint. They are the school room by which we truly learn to hide ourselves in Christ and trust alone in Him because, as it were, we have nothing else.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 12.12-21**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What areas of life have you been expecting and wanting God to perform in a certain way, only to feel disappointed or let down? How does the promise of **Zechariah 9.9-12** and **Revelation 7.9-12** help you to walk by faith when things don't make sense?

Your Life Mission

You have been saved to be sent, and you are to be sent with the aroma of Christ. As you spend time at the feet of Jesus in prayer and worship, ask Him for help to be the bearer of that aroma. Which relationships would you like prayer for as you go and hope to be the aroma of life to?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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