"When Hate Leads to Honor" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 12:12-26****

# John 12:12-26English Standard Version (ESV)

**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!”**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!”

**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. **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. **19**So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**20**Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. **21**So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” **22**Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23**And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24**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. **25**Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26**If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

**Insights for the Follower of Christ:**

1. **Everything Jesus does/allows has purpose—trust Him (Verse 12-16)**

# Psalm 118:26English Standard Version (ESV)

**26**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
    We bless you from the house of the Lord.

# Zechariah 9:9English Standard Version (ESV)

**9**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
    Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
    righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
    on a colt, the foal of a donkey

# Matthew 21:1-3English Standard Version (ESV)

**21**Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3**If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

1. **Jesus will always provoke:**
   1. **Shallow worshippers looking for a show (Verse 17-18)**
   2. **Angry leaders looking to protect their religious turf (Verse 19)**
   3. **Curiosity seekers looking for truth (Verse 20-22)**
2. **Putting Jesus “FIRST” before anyone/anything results in a new:**
   1. **Affection (Verse 24-25)**
   2. **Direction (Verse 26a)**
   3. **Motivation (Verse 26b)**

# Psalm 37:4English Standard Version (ESV)

**4**Delight yourself in the Lord,  
    and he will give you the desires of your heart.