

John 12:12-22

John 12:12-15 – *“(12) On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, (13) Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. (14) And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, (15) Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.”*

- A. Jesus had come to Jerusalem (**Matthew 21:7-11, Mark 11:1-10, and Luke 19:28-40**).
 - 1. They heard Jesus was coming from the disciples (**Matthew 21:1-6**).
 - 2. Our Lord is all about heading toward His death, as His face is set toward Jerusalem (**Luke 9:51, Luke 12:50, and John 4:34**).
- B. The King has come (**Isaiah 9:6-7, Psalms 89:35-37, Jeremiah 33:15-16, Daniel 2:31-45, Daniel 7:13-14, Luke 1:31-33, Acts 2:25-36, I Corinthians 15:24-28, and Colossians 1:12-13**).
 - 1. Yet, He was not the earthly king (**John 18:36**) they wanted Him to be (**Acts 1:6**).
 - 2. The people did realize that Jesus came in the name of the Lord (cf. **Psalms 118:20-29**).
 - 3. He did come *“As it is written...”* (**Zechariah 9:9**).
 - 4. They had no reason to fear, the plan of God for salvation was right on course (**Mark 9:31, I Peter 3:21-22, and Hebrews 9:28**; cf. **Isaiah 41:14, Isaiah 62:11, I Thessalonians 5:9, II Timothy 2:10, and I Peter 1:17-21**).

John 12:16-19 – *“(16) These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. (17) The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. (18) For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. (19) The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.”*

- A. The disciples did not get these things at first (**Luke 9:45, Luke 18:34, and Luke 24:25**).
 - 1. They'll later be reminded of things they didn't fully understand (**Luke 24:1-8 and John 2:20-22**).
 - 2. Jesus will later have to open their understanding (**Luke 24:44-49**).
 - a. The *“power from on high”* the disciples did receive, which helped them to recall things they missed, was the Holy Spirit (**John 14:26 and Acts 1:8**).
 - b. We can see exactly when the promise of the Spirit was fulfilled with the Apostles (**Acts 2:1-4**).
- B. Those that saw Lazarus resurrected bare record of that miracle Jesus performed (**John 5:36**).
 - 1. Witnesses to the works of our Lord are necessary for believers then and our faith now (**John 19:33-37, Acts 10:42, and Acts 23:11**).

2. It is not just what people heard, but what they saw that caused them to testify on behalf of our Lord (**I John 4:14**; cf. **Acts 2:32**, **Acts 3:15**, and **Acts 4:33**).
- C. With the witnessed accounts of Lazarus and the following that was caused from that miracle, the Pharisees feared Jesus had gained the world as His disciples (**John 11:47-50** and **Acts 4:16-17**).
1. The failed leaders of the Jews were displeased to see the work of Christ succeed (**Matthew 21:15**).
 2. Jesus certainly wants the world to follow Him (**John 1:29**, **Titus 2:11**, **II Peter 3:9**, and **I John 2:2**), but in reality that will never occur (**Luke 13:23-24**, **Galatians 1:3-4**, **I Peter 4:17-19**, and **I John 5:19**).
 3. It is kind of interesting to consider that when a group gathered around Jesus others perceived that as everyone coming to Jesus (**John 3:26**).

John 12:20-22 – *“(20) And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: (21) The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. (22) Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.”*

- A. Gentiles (Greek or otherwise) were not unaware of Jesus (**Mark 7:24-30**).
1. People, outside of the Jews, did hear of God and would worship Him at times (**I Kings 8:41-43** and **Acts 10:1-2; 34-48**).
 2. Jesus was expected to draw Gentiles (**Isaiah 11:10** and **Luke 2:22-33**).
- B. These Greeks came to Philip and desired to see Jesus and that certainly is not a bad thing (**John 12:44-50**; cf. **Romans 1:16**, **Romans 10:12**, **Galatians 3:28**, and **Colossians 3:11**).
1. Honest seekers (not saying these Greeks were honest seekers) will find the Lord if they seek Him (**Proverbs 8:17** and **Matthew 7:7**).
 2. Those who honestly seek the Lord will not be forsaken of Him (**Psalms 9:10**).
 3. There is a time when it's too late to start seeking (**Proverbs 1:22-31**, **Isaiah 55:6-7**, and **Matthew 25:1-13**).