

BRMC Small Group Study: John 12:12-36

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Lesson Objectives:

- To understand the turning point of Jesus' ministry which led to his eventual death and resurrection.
- To understand what it means to lose one's life for the sake of gaining it.

Observation

1. Imagine you are a Jew in Jerusalem observing the arrival of Jesus (John 12:12-19). What would your thoughts and emotions be?

2. Divide your Small Group into smaller teams and draw a simple comic of your reading of John 12:24-26.

3. What are some repeated words or phrases in John 12:20-36?

Interpretation

4. Why did the people carry palm leaves and why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a donkey? What does this tell us about Jesus' motive?

5. What is the significance of the Greeks arriving to meet Jesus (John 12:20-23)?

6. What are the similarities between the grain of wheat and our lives? What are the implications? (John 12:24-26)

7. What is the significance of the Son of Man being lifted up (John 12:32)?

8. Why did Jesus respond to the question, “Who is this Son of Man?” with comments on light and darkness (John 12:34-36)?

Application

9. What does “hating one’s life in this world” look like practically?

10. What are some misdirected expectations of Jesus that we may have?