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## Steps to the Cross: Jesus' Triumphal Entry

March 28 & 29, 2026

John 12:12–16, 20–24, 27

### Opener:

What's one big public celebration you remember and what made it memorable?

### Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

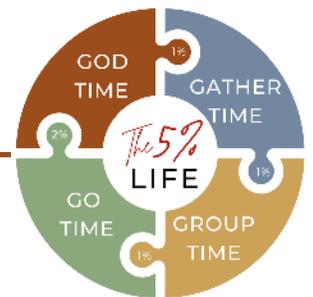
1. In John 12:12–16, what does the crowd rightly confess about Jesus, and what do they still misunderstand?
  2. Why is Zechariah 9:9–12 such an important key for reading this Palm Sunday text?
  3. What does Jesus mean when He says that a grain of wheat must fall into the earth and die?
  4. Why is the arrival of the Greeks in verses 20–21 such an important turning point?
  5. What does verse 27 show us about the heart of Jesus as He approaches the cross?
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**Live It:** *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. What kind of king are you most tempted to want Jesus to be for you?
2. Where in your life are you tempted to prefer visible strength over the humility of Christ?
3. How does the cross reshape your understanding of glory, victory, and success?
4. What troubled place in your life do you most need to bring to Jesus right now?
5. How does the crucified and risen Christ give you hope for both daily life and everlasting life?



**GOD TIME:**



**Daily Bible Readings (March 29 - April 4)**

Sun:	John 12:12–27	Behold Your King
Mon:	Zechariah 9:9–12	The Humble King
Tues:	Philippians 2:5–11	Glory Through Humility
Wed:	Isaiah 53:3–6	The Suffering Savior
Thurs:	John 19:16–22	King on the Cross
Fri:	1 Peter 2:21–25	Wounds That Heal
Sat:	Revelation 5:9–13	Worthy Is the Lamb