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THE ENTRANCE OF THE HEALER JOHN 12:12-18

We are all seeking a powerful rescuer John 12:12-13

John 12:13b – *“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”*

- Hosanna = Save us!
- “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” - the rabbis taught that these words from Psalm 118:26 must be said of the Messiah to come.

The entrance of Jesus relieves our fears John 12:14-15

John 12:15 – *“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”*

- Zechariah 9:9 - “Humble, and mounted on a donkey”
- “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” - Corrie ten Boom

We don’t always understand what God is doing John 12:16

John 12:16 – *“These things His disciples did not understand at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.”*

- When we do not understand what God is doing, we learn from and cling to truth in God’s Word (Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 8:28, lament Psalms).
- “It is no part of the Christian vocation to be able to explain what is happening and why. In fact, it **is** part of the Christian vocation not to be able to explain - and to lament instead.” - N.T. Wright

Past miracles give us strength for the future John 12:17-18

John 12:17 – *“So the people who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him.”*

- Jesus’ miracles brought curiosity about Himself and caused people to tell others about Him.
- Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) - “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything you can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Like the Jewish people in Jesus' time, what is it you are longing for from Jesus right now?
2. What are your fears during this season of COVID-19? How have you seen Jesus relieve those fears?
3. How may the Lord be inviting you into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him right now?
4. How have you seen God work in your life in the past that strengthens your faith in the present?

Resources and Reminders regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus:

Worship Service Live-Stream: Calvary will not be having in-person, on-campus groups or services until further notice. The Worship Service will be streamed live online each Sunday at 9:30am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live

Ways to Give: Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at calvarylife.org/give

Resources for Kids: Find ideas for families to help "do church" with their kids on these Sundays at calvarylife.org/live. This webpage will be updated with info before the corresponding Sunday.

Resources for LifeGroups: LifeGroups will not be meeting in homes or on campus at this time but are encouraged to meet using online platforms. Contact Robert Carter at rcarter@calvarylife.org if you would like help setting up an online meeting for your group.

Prayer Response: Please pray for healing and the defeat of the coronavirus. Pray for God to allow us to use this season to bring Him glory and to see many come to salvation in Christ. Please also pray for all of our missionaries as they continue their work around the world and deal with problems caused by this epidemic. Let us know how we can be praying for you by sharing your request at calvarylife.org/prayer

Check our website for updates in the coming days at calvarylife.org/health