

HERE COMES JESUS!

John 12

Many saw Jesus coming, but how did they respond?

I. CELEBRATION FOR MANY (9-18)

- These came to see the sensational!

A. THE REASON FOR CELEBRATION

- They had a Resurrector (9-12, 17-18) a Ruler (13) and a Revealer (14-15)!

B. THE REALITY OF THE CELEBRATION

1. Their Problem

- a. The crowd missed it!
- b. Even the Disciples misunderstood (16)

2. Christ's Passion

- a. Crying over their condition - See Luke 19:41-44
- For Christ it was a tearful entry not a triumphant one
- b. Concerned over the impending crucifixion (see vs. 27-28)

II. FRUSTRATION FOR SOME (10-11, 19)

A. THE INDICATION OF THEIR FRUSTRATION

1. Their plot was failing

- Their goal had been to kill Jesus (11:53) and Lazarus (12:10-11)

2. Their problems were mounting

- Many Jews were believing in Jesus (11)

B. THE IRONY OF THEIR FRUSTRATION

1. Correction: They were accomplishing much but did not yet realize it

2. Conditions: Events quickly changed

- a. Judas' offer - Matt. 16:14-16 > How much?
- b. The Crowd's cry - John 19:14-15 > Crucify Him!
- c. Pilates cooperation - John 19:16 > He handed Jesus over to them
- d. Jesus' death - John 19:28-30 > It is finished! ... He gave up His spirit

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III. INVESTIGATION BY GREEKS (20-24)

A. THE RECORD (20-21)

- These are sincere seekers

B. THE RESPONSE (22-24)

1. Disciples Uncertainty (22)
2. Christ's Answer (23-24)
 - a. The Time: No audience with Him now (though see vs. 44-46)
 - b. The Task: Now was His time to be glorified
 - c. The Truth: The Lord would be glorified only through death and resurrection as illustrated by the fruitful seed
3. Christ's Offer (35-36)
 - a. Follow the Light (35)
 - b. Put faith in the Light (36)

IV. ADORATION FROM MARY (1-8)

A. HER CONDUCT (3-8)

1. Mary did not come ...
 - To hear a sermon, fellowship with others or make requests
2. She did come ...
 - a. With devotion (3): Anointing Jesus with costly perfume
 - b. With humiliation: Bowing before Jesus and wiping His feet with her hair
 - c. With publication: The fragrance filled the air
 - d. With preparation (v. 7): Readyng Christ's body for burial
 - e. With prioritization v. 8): She did what she could while the opportunity was there

B. HER COMPREHENSION

1. The best listener > She gets it! She knows what's coming!
2. Attentive to the person of Christ
3. Grasping Christ's pain and plans

C. HER CONTRAST: Look at the others around Jesus

1. Martha is serving (2) > That's what she does
2. Lazarus is sitting (2) > Enjoying the fellowship
3. Judas is seething (4-6) > Cold, calloused and corrupt
4. Mary is savoring! > Enjoying the encounter with Christ

D. HER CONCERN (36)

1. Believing the Light that she had
2. Becoming a child of the Light

CONCLUSION:**Here comes Jesus!**

- How are you responding?
- What is your heart's condition?
- What consumes you?
 1. Celebration
 2. Frustration
 3. Investigationor
 4. Adoration

SONG: "O Come Let Us Adore Him" (modified)

O come all ye thoughtful
Lavish in your worship
O come ye, O come ye
To dear Bethany
Come and behold Him
Facing Calvary's agony
O come like Mary worship
O come like Mary sacrifice
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!