

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and the pages are slightly fanned out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a dramatic lens flare effect with several rays of light extending upwards and outwards. The background is dark, making the light and the book stand out. The overall mood is one of reverence and enlightenment.

BOOK *of* JOHN

THE MESSIAH'S PARADE

JOHN 12:12-19

Jesus now heads to Jerusalem for the final week of His life.

- John shifts the scene from a quiet dinner in Bethany to a noisy, public parade in Jerusalem.
- All four Gospels record this event and each of the accounts should be compared to one another.

THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE

- 1.** The **PASSOVER VISITORS** from outside Judea.
John 12:12, 18
- 2.** The **LOCAL PEOPLE** who had witnessed the raising of Lazarus. **John 12:17**
- 3.** The **RELIGIOUS LEADERS** who were greatly concerned about what Jesus might do at the feast. **John 12:19**

WHAT DID THIS EVEN MEAN?

- **FOR JESUS:** It was a part of His obedience to the Father's will. **Zechariah 9:9**
- **TO THE ROMANS:** It was a joke, laughable, the most ridiculous parade they had ever seen.
- **TO ISRAEL:** It was the crowning of their king (**Psalms 118:26**). **The Messiah had come!** But, He was not what they wanted or expected.

WHAT KIND OF PEACE?

The name **Jerusalem** means “**city of peace**” or “foundation of peace.”

The people were hoping that Jesus would bring them the peace that they needed.

- However, He wept because He saw what lay ahead of the nation: war, suffering, destruction, and a scattered people.
- It is significant that the crowds shouted “peace in heaven” (**Luke 19:38**), because that is the only place where there is peace today!

IGNORANT OF THEIR OWN SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament had given a clear picture of the Suffering Messiah—in **Isaiah 52-53**—but the Jews did not want a suffering king.

- The next time Israel sees the King, the scene will be radically different! **Rev. 19:11-16**
- He will come in glory, not in humility; and the armies of heaven will accompany Him.
- Jesus knew, of course, that He must die on the cross before He could enter into His glory. **Luke 24:25-26**



JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Zechariah chapters 13 and 14

What God has decreed will come to pass, and although occasional battles may appear to have been won by the forces of evil, the final victory rests with God.

**The King already came once . . .
and He will be back!**

HOW DID THE JEWISH LEADERS RESPOND?

- Perhaps Jesus had won the day?
- Some kind of revolt was on its way?
- Perhaps Jesus would perform a great miracle?
- How little they really understood the mind and heart of the Master!

The Lamb of God had to give His life when the Passover lambs were being slain.



“Behold, the world is gone after Him!”

John 12:19

This statement is both an exaggeration and yet also a prophecy.

- The day is soon coming that the Church will be taken up home to heaven. **Revelation 3:7-12**
- Many missed the Messiah’s first parade.

NOBODY ON EARTH WILL MISS HIS SECOND!