

Intro

~ In this French real estate show a family owned real estate business was preparing for a leading real estate broker in Europe to come and hopefully do business with them. The family talked and worked for weeks to prepare and make sure they had everything ready when he shows up. It could bolster the future of their business. They walked through this castle making sure carpets and drapes and furniture was all set and in place. They rehearsed their walk-through.

~ I said out loud it's like they're preparing for the Messiah. Then I thought of this text (Jesus triumphal entry)

Outline

We see four different perspectives of the triumphal entry

1 The Religious Leaders = Disgust & Frustration

2 The Crowd = Interested but what's their motivation

3 The Disciples = Judgmental & Aloof

4 Mary = Worship, Sacrifice & Adoration

When we see the perspective of these four different groups we see their response to the Messiah

1 The Religious Leaders = Disgust & Frustration

~ When we compare the gospel accounts we see in Luke and John the response of the religious leaders to the triumphal entry

- Luke 19:39 (Disgust) = The religious leaders hear the people's praise and royal treatment of Jesus and they Jesus he should rebuke his disciples and tell them to shut up. Jesus in return says if they should be quiet the stones would cry out in praise
 - Again we see creation more in sync with God than man (the stones would immediately cry out)
- John 12:19 (Frustration) = John tells us when the Pharisees see the triumphal entry they say in frustration we're getting nowhere and the whole world is following him

2 The Crowd = Interested but what's their motivation

~ We can appreciate the people's fascination and interest in the raising of Lazarus from the dead

~ They were interested in Jesus and Lazarus and because of the raising of Lazarus many believed (Jn 12:9-12)

~ The crowd was just as interested to meet Lazarus as they were Jesus (Jn 12:17,18)

~ I wonder to myself if there's a chance some of the people present were also the same ones who cried out for Jesus to be crucified who witnessed this triumphal entry

~ While they witnessed the raising of Lazarus Jesus must then be able to deliver the Jews they thought

~ The crowd cried "Hosanna, save now." They wanted a political deliverance

~ Many times from the crowd we see interest but what's their motivation

- Some followed Jesus for the miracles of being fed by him (Jn 6:26) yet when it comes time to truly identify with Jesus they turn away (Jn 6:41-59)
- Some followed Jesus because of ministry popularity yet Jesus told this man to put his hands to the plow and not look back (Lk 9:57-62) and the man wasn't willing
- The Samaritan believed on Jesus (John 4) yet when Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem and his sufferings they wouldn't receive him (Lk 9:51-56)

~ The lesson we learn from the crowd is to want the blesser more than his blessings; the giver more than his gifts;

3 The Disciples = Judgmental & Aloof

~ In these two passages we the disciples being judgmental and aloof

- Jn 12:1-11 = Judgmental
 - they're judgmental of Mary pouring out the expensive ointment on Jesus body
 - Judas says this was a years salary was worth a year's wages for a working man
 - The full gospel account tells us that Judas started the complaining and judgementalism
 - Judas started it and the others jumped in
 - They were judging a woman's sacrifice and adoration for Christ

- Jn 12:13-19 = Aloof
 - John tells us the disciples witnessed Christ's triumphal entry and didn't understand what was happening until after Jesus was resurrected
 - Often the disciples didn't understand the big picture until after Christ was raised
 - Lk 9:45 – they didn't understand when Christ said he would be delivered into the hands of men
 - Lk 18:31-33 - Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. 33 They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." 34 But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.
 - Lk 24:25 - Jesus said they were slow of heart to believe all the prophets spoke
 - Lk 24:45 – Jesus opened their understanding so they could understand the scriptures

4 Mary = Worship, Sacrifice & Adoration

~ Mark 14:3 tells us that Jesus poured this ointment on Jesus head

~ Her ointment was worth a year's salary for the common working man

~ She used her hair to wipe Jesus feet

~ She used her future retirement and her hair to show her adoration for Christ

~ She demonstrates for us a life that worships, sacrifices and adores Christ

Conclusion

~ There are three comings of Christ

1 Incarnation – he came TO HIS OWN

- In this coming Christ provides salvation from the penalty of sin
- Here he came humbly and was placed in a manger

2 Rapture – He comes FOR HIS OWN

- In this coming Christ provides salvation from the power of sin

3 2nd Advent – He comes WITH HIS OWN

- In this coming Christ provides salvation from the presence of sin
- When Christ entered Jerusalem in the triumphal entry he rode on a donkey as he came in peace
- When Christ returns in Revelation 19:11-18 he returns as a judge. He's not on a donkey (a symbol of peace) but he's seated on a white horse and comes to execute judgement.
- *Rev 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.*
- *13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

~ What is our response to Jesus?

~ He entered Jerusalem on a donkey humbly to provide redemption for the sins of man but one day he'll be a righteous judge and his name is called the "word of God."

~ What is our response to Jesus and the word of God?

~ May our opinion of Jesus not be the first three perspectives of

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