



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 12:12-19—Part 1
From sermon 6.30.24

Read *John 12:12-19*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: In this short segment, the cast of characters remains the same—only the setting changes slightly. We moved from Bethany to the gates of Jerusalem. Yet, even at this seemingly triumphal Palm Sunday entry, Jesus continues to force a verdict and to divide. This short account forces all to consider the prophetic scriptures concerning Messiah and if He fully fulfills them.

1. Review and discuss the convincing evidence for the deity of Jesus we've had so far in John's Gospel. Various Answers. Include: Proclamation of Angels. Numerous Miracles. Testimony. Changed lives. Cultural Hostility. Supernatural knowledge. Spiritual vision and insight.

2. What powerful evidence (proof for us) does Jesus provide in this key text, throughout John, and woven extensively throughout the other Gospels and Epistles? The citing and fulfilling of prophetic scriptures.

3. What aspects concerning the true Christ did/does the Bible include? Almost every general aspect is revealed and prophesied: See...

- His Promised Coming—*Genesis 3:15 & Deuteronomy 18:15*
- His Lineage—*2 Samuel 7:12 & 16*
- His Character—*Isaiah 53:9*
- His Suffering, Sorrow, & Trials—*Isaiah 53:3*
- His 1st Coming Purpose—*Isaiah 53:5-6*

3a. Many specific aspects about Messiah were also given to the Bible authors. See also...

- Time/Date—*Daniel 9:25-26*
- Location—*Matthew 2:23*
- Method of Final Entry into the City—Today's key text: riding a donkey colt
- Cause of Death—*Psalms 22:14-16*
- The Resurrection—*Psalms 16:10*

4. Discuss: Spotting false prophet back then. = A little time involved. Inconsistent with previous authenticated scriptures & being wrong in the slightest detail when speaking for God. What was the false prophet's punishment back then? death.

(Spotting one Today—anyone who prophecies or claims to be a prophet)

4a. Spotting a false Messiah then: If He doesn't line up with all the Old Testament prophecies we've covered. Spotting a false messiah today/future: Anyone claiming to be the Messiah. No one will miss Jesus' 2nd Coming. No one will have to tell you.

5. Legacy is also a powerful authenticator. See *Acts 5:34-39* (Note: although not perfect. Many false prophets are semi-well known. Cult leaders). Discuss Christ's lasting legacy. Jesus establishes western calendar. There are still Churches throughout world. His Gospel unable to be extinguished and silenced. More songs about Jesus than any other person. Also, books. Still the major subject of debate and discredit. The impact of His faithful followers—compassion, hospitable, charitable.