



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 12:12-19—Part 2
From Sermon 7.7.24

Read *John 12:12-19*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Continuing in the same key text with a second message, we see Jesus' fulfillment of prophetic scripture doesn't end with date and arrival. Being the One true Messiah, He also fulfills those specific prophecies regarding initial crowd reception, continuing Pharisee rejection, His destiny with the cross, and Israel's judgment for rejecting the Messiah. Going forward, it's critical that we understand: if He fully and faithfully filled the 1st Coming prophecies, He'll do the same with the 2nd Coming ones.

1. The confused crowd. At Jesus' 1st Coming, the crowd wanted Him to be liberating conqueror of men/nations. Instead, Jesus came to serve and secure victory over sin and the grave.
See *Colossians 2:13-15* & *Luke 24:18-21*

Now facing the 2nd Coming, they'll look for and desire a humble, servant leader. But that will be the Antichrist. Prophecy shows Jesus returns as the Judge and victor. He will be served.
See *Matthew 24:24* & *Revelation 19:11-13*

2. On Sunday, it was pointed out that Psalm 118 is the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament. When was it written and what's its importance to the events?

- Written: More than 1400 years earlier.
- *Psalm 118:25-26* = "Hosanna". The exact words of the crowd
- *Psalm 118: 22* & *Matthew 21:42* = Rejection

3. It's easy to judge the fickle crowd. But, in what ways do we often act just like them? We sing praises and obey Jesus on Sunday—only to rebel, ignore, and be silent rest of the week. We can desire the "providing/rescuing" Jesus and reject the King & Lord Jesus in our lives.

3a. What are some ways we can avoid losing our focus and faithfulness? Various answers. Regular prayers of gratitude. Avoid those people, places, and situations that cause us to falter. Repent quickly when we stumble. Memorize helpful scriptures. Prayers for protection.

4. *Luke 19:37-44* contains Jesus' prophesied conclusion = God's response to their foretold rejection. Read the passage and note specific details. How accurate was Jesus? He was Perfect. In 70 A.D., the Romans utterly destroy the nation, the city, and the Temple down to the last stone.

5. Discuss: Israel's religious leaders will face a far stricter judgment. They knew all these prophecies. They should have been teaching the Word and connecting the dots that Jesus is Messiah and Lord. Instead, they lead the rebellion. See *Matthew 23:13-15*.

5a. How is this both a snapshot and indictment of the majority of today's church teachers & preachers? They are not teaching Christ's return. Instead, they are offering a more palatable Jesus who gives all and requires nothing. See also *2 Timothy 4:1-4*