

# Palm Sunday

## Being Right in the Wrong Way

### Introduction

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Being right in the wrong way

Being right in the right way about Jesus means seeing that Jesus' purpose is to glorify the Father through his death on the cross that people might, through believing in Him, be reconciled to God.

### Even the King of Israel

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Jesus approaches Jerusalem amidst the adoration of the crowds

John 12:12-15 ESV

*Do you see the importance of not being right in the wrong way?*

### Misunderstandings Abound

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The disciples, the crowd, and the Pharisees all misunderstand Jesus

John 12:16-19 ESV

*We are all susceptible to misunderstanding Jesus...to being right in the wrong way about him*

### Life through Death

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Jesus explains what it is to "see" him

John 12:20-27 ESV

Being right in the right way about Jesus is understanding that new life is found not in better living standards, nor in accumulation of power, but it is found in His death.

## I Have and I Will

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God speaks

John 12:28 ESV

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

- What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

“According to John, Jesus is not glorified despite, but through and in, the cross.”

## The Son Must Be Lifted Up

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Jesus requires a response

John 12:29-36 ESV

John Calvin - *“It was a monstrous thing that the multitude was obtuse to so plain a miracle. Some were deaf, and caught what God had pronounced distinctly only as a confused sound. Others were less dull, but yet detracted greatly from the majesty of the divine voice by pretending that its author was an angel. But the same thing is common today. God speaks plainly enough in the Gospel, in which there is also displayed a power and energy of the Spirit which should shake heaven and earth. But many are as cold toward the teaching as if it came only from a mortal man, and others think God's Word to be a barbarous stammering as if it were nothing but thunder.”*

*Are we guilty of the same error as the crowds on that Palm Sunday?*

*Do we see him as a King who can make our lives better instead of seeing him as a King who can give us new life?*

*Being right in the wrong way about Jesus is not seeing him through his death on the cross.*

*Being right in the RIGHT way about Jesus means understanding that Jesus' purpose is to glorify the Father through his death on the cross that people might, through believing in Him, be reconciled to God*