

PALM MONDAY

This event was the beginning of the end. For Jesus it was “go big or go home.”
The great crowd would see firsthand the clear announcement of the Messiah.

John 12:9-19

Two large crowds (vv. 9 & 12)

- Those with him (v.17)
- Many people . . . went to meet him. (v.18)

. . . converge on the way to Jerusalem
the first day of the final week.

Points of Interests

verse 10, They wanted to see Lazarus.

verse 13, Palm branches and blessed is the King.

Hosanna = hooray

verse 15, Zechariah 9:9-10 = Prince of Peace.

verse 19, Jesus came for the whole world.

The Crowd included . . .

- 1) The curious - People go where people are.
“performed this sign” (verse 18)
- 2) The confused - “Who can this be?” (Matthew 21:10)
“(They) did not understand . . .” (v.16)
- 3) The convinced - He must be the Messiah.
“believing in him” (v.11)
- 4) The conflicted - Opposition was mounting.
“This is getting us nowhere.” (v.19)
- 5) The committed - The smallest group
“Whoever serves me must follow me.” (v.26)

John 12:20-26

Jesus is unimpressed with the crowd. His emphasis
was on the importance of commitment.

“My Father will honor the one who serves me.” (v.26)

Reflective Questions

- 1) When was the last time you were in a big crowd? What did you like about it; what didn't you like?
- 2) What do you learn about the crowd that praised Jesus as he entered Jerusalem? What was positive; and what was not so?
- 3) How do you respond to the challenge Jesus gives in John 12:23-26?

