

## The King We Need



## The King We Need

*John 12:12–19*

---

PASTOR MIKE NAZARIAN | MAR 28–29, 2026

### His Glory Reveals Him

*“when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered” (v. 16b)*

### The Scriptures Reveal Him

*“that these things had been written about him” (v. 16c)*

### His Cross Demands a Response

*“and had been done to him” (v. 16d)*

<sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

---

**hope.**

## **The King We Want**

### **The Crowd's Misunderstanding**

Right King, Wrong Kingdom (vv. 12-13)

Right Power, Wrong Purpose (vv. 17-18)

### **The Disciples' Confusion**

Right Messiah, Wrong Mission (v. 16a)

## **The King God Promised**

### **Jesus Finds the Donkey**

*"And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it" (v. 14a)*

### **Jesus Fulfills the Scripture**

*"just as it is written" (v. 14b)*

- Zechariah 9:9