

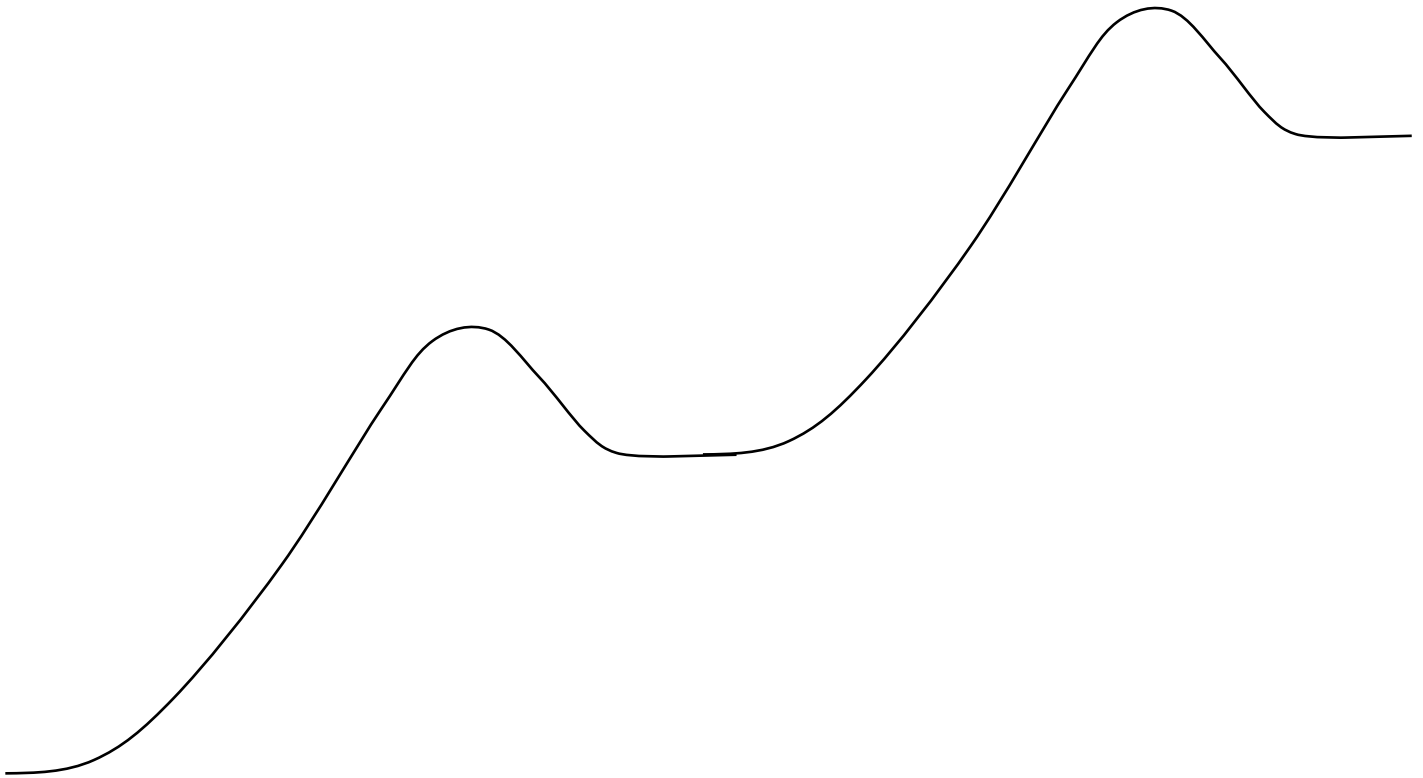


**Week – Palm Sunday**  
**Series:** New Creation  
**Sermon Title:** The Conquering King  
**Sermon Text:** John 12:9-19  
**Group Week of:** March 17, 2024  
**Sermon Date:** March 24, 2024

<b>Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies</b>	
<b>Day 1</b>	Matthew's Account – Matthew 21:1-11
<b>Day 2</b>	Raising of Lazarus – John 11:1-44
<b>Day 3</b>	The Plot to Kill Jesus – John 11:45-57
<b>Day 4</b>	Jesus' Anointing – John 12:1-11
<b>Day 5</b>	Our King & Kingdom – John 18:28-40

**The Text:** John 12:9-19

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



**Textual Questions**

- 1) What are the main lessons that John is giving to the church through this account of the triumphal entry?
- 2) Why have the crowds gathered around Jesus?
- 3) What do these crowds believe about Jesus as He enters Jerusalem?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In the Old Testament, Israel had no king for the first 400 years they were in the promised land. They felt that this was the reason the country was weak and constantly overtaken by their enemies. Eventually, they demanded a king from Samuel. When Samuel relayed this message to God, God told him, "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king" (1 Sam 8:7). So, God gave them a king: first Saul, then David, then Solomon, and on it goes. How did kings work out for Israel?
  
- 2) Do we need a king? Discuss this idea with your life group.
  
- 3) In ancient Israel, people felt that a king's purpose was to protect them from their enemies. As you consider what sort of enemies you would like a king to protect you from, what comes to mind?
  
- 4) Jesus' healing of Lazarus comes just before His triumphal entry. The crowds that saw Lazarus raised from the dead have come to Jerusalem and are cheering for Jesus as He enters. What are the enemies that Christ defeated on His way to Jerusalem? What are the enemies that only Christ can defeat?
  
- 5) Human kings, like all leaders, have their faults. None of them are powerful or sinless enough to be worthy of the authority that a King possesses. How is Jesus different?
  
- 6) What does it mean to be part of Christ's Kingdom?
  
- 7) If we consider the whole world as God's Kingdom, then much of it lives in rebellion to Him. The Pharisees embody this opposition to Jesus and His Kingdom in big ways throughout the book of John. Who are the enemies of the Kingdom of God today? How did Christ handle them? How should we handle them?
  
- 8) Christ began His Kingdom on the earth through sacrificial death, but when He comes again, He will save His bride and destroy His enemies. How does knowing that Jesus came through Jerusalem give the believer assurance that Jesus will come back again to finish the work He began? How does that help as we journey through another election year?