

# MIGHTIER THAN THE HAMMER

John 12:12-19

- Jesus' kingly agenda is **different** than **expected**.  
(vv.12-13)
- Jesus fulfills the **Law** and the **Prophets** with His **arrival**.  
(vv 14-15)
- We can understand who Jesus is by **pondering** what He has **done** in the power of the **Spirit**.  
(vv 16-19)

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## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Had you ever heard the story of the Maccabean Revolt? How should extrabiblical accounts like this supplement our faith, if at all?
2. Describe a time when your expectations were not met? How did it feel? How did you respond?
3. Discuss the relevance of Jesus' timing in entering the city. What does this tell you about His purpose in entering? Exodus 12:3-6; John 12:1; 12:12
4. How does Jesus' purpose align with the expectation of the crowds? How is it different? What is the response of the crowd? John 12:13, 37
5. How do you respond when God does not act in a way that you expect? Do you struggle to submit to Jesus' authority? Consider Jeff's sermon from last week. Isaiah 55:8-9; James 1:17; Job 38:4ff; Matthew 28:18
6. Discuss Jesus' life, full of prophetic fulfillment and miracles (such as the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 in this passage, the raising of Lazarus, etc). How are such things not sufficient for the salvation of the crowds (John 12:37)? How does their effect change once a person has been saved? 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
7. How can you submit more to Jesus' authority during this Holy Week?

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