



# Sermon Notes

**Topic:** The Unexpected King

**Bible Passage:** John 12: 6-16

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## Study Guide Overview

- The declaration is made – Here is your King (v13)
- Thankfully, He was unlike all other Kings (v14-15)
- And many misunderstood His Kingdom (v16)
- But one heart was open to the truth (v3a)
- Like Mary, we need to sit humbly at the feet of Jesus (v3b)

## Small Group Questions/Discussions

Royalty is all about wealth, privilege and power. How is this often displayed? A declaration was made of Jesus, Israel – Here is your King. What would have been the feeling or tone amongst all the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem?

Normally Kings or victorious conqueror's rode in on a fine horse or even a chariot. It was all about ego and enjoying the spotlight. Jesus intentionally rode in on a donkey. What message was Jesus delivering to the people? Both kingdoms of Israel rarely experienced Godly kings. How would you describe the actions/attitudes of most of these fallen kings?

In what ways did the people misunderstand the Kingdom that Jesus was about to establish? A Kings coronation was all about sitting on a throne and receiving a crown. What "throne" was Jesus' riding towards? What "crown" would He receive? How do you think the people felt when Jesus died. After all, their nationalistic and political dreams were now gone? They shouted Hosanna, Hosanna, which means come save us, come rescue us. What sort of rescue did they have in mind? Obviously, they were disappointed with God's spiritual emphasis in this new Kingdom. Do we sometimes feel like that? What are we expecting God to save us from?

Many misunderstood, but Mary was someone who seemed to sense what was happening. Her actions towards Jesus display a sense of knowing. Why do you think Mary understood, when just about everyone else didn't. (Read Luke 10:39, John 11: 2 & 12: 3)

What will happen, when like Mary, we are often found sitting or kneeling at the feet of Jesus? Why is humility so important to the Kingdom of God? The people missed the spiritual significance of Jesus and were disappointed. Are we guilty of similar things?