

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: SEEDS OF TRIUMPH

Main Text: John 12:12-16

Sermon Description: The gospel of John records the triumphal entry alongside other events at the close of Jesus' public ministry. This chapter of the gospel narrative is condensed, yet saturated, with potent meaning. John 12:24 declares in Jesus' own words: " Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Next week (Resurrection Sunday) we will consider more specifically the "fruit" portion of this seed analogy. Today we will consider the 'grain of wheat' – or the picture/illustration of a seed with respect to the ministry and mission of Jesus. The concept of a seed is additionally helpful to understand the history of revealed truth throughout scripture, and its fulfillment over the ages. We will also consider what is present in seed form around this text in John 12 that underscores the significance of Palm Sunday's memory – the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem just before Passover and just before Calvary. *Note: opening illustration /riddle _____

Heading: CONSIDER THE SEED OF...

1. LEADING EVENTS (John 12:1-13, 11:38-44, 11:49-53)

- a. Passion foreshadowed
- b. Resurrection foreshadowed
- c. Ascension foreshadowed

2. ANCIENT PROPHECY (John 12:14-15, Zech 9:9-13)

- a. Immediate
- b. Consequential
- c. Ultimate

3. DIVINE GLORY (John 12:16, 12:23-24, 12:27-30)

- a. Understanding
- b. Cost
- c. Covenant of Redemption

Close: *NOTE: Riddle answer: _____ Mat 13:31-33 Describes the kingdom of God as a mustard seed that progressively grows to eclipse all other plantings. Today we celebrate that we have joined millions and millions of souls bought and paid for by our atoning sacrifice – the Lamb of God, who arrive in Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey 2000 some years ago.... our Lord Jesus Christ!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Passion foreshadowed	Resurrection foreshadowed	Ascension foreshadowed	Prophecy	Divine glory	Kingdom seed
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
John 12:1-7	John 11:38-44	John 12:12-16	Zech 9:9-13	John 12:16-30	Mat 13:31-33

FURTHER STUDY: "Heaven's Loud Speaker" sermon Dec 21, 2013 & "Kingdom Transhistorical" sermon June 22, 2014

NEXT WEEK: Acts 2:22-36 (Resurrection Sunday) & communion