

Message: "INEVITABLE" by Pastor Jon Whisner, 4/10/22

Description: From the start of Christ's ministry, the corrupt religious and political leaders constantly worked to stop Jesus' eternity-altering influence. But nothing could hinder Christ from fulfilling God's mission for His earthly life. He came. He lived. He died. He rose. He won.

Key Scripture: John 12:12-19

- Twice in this passage we see prophecy fulfilled (Ps. 118:26; Zech. 9:9). It should encourage our hearts to know that what God says He will do, He always does. One of the greatest challenges of the Christian life is to wait on the Lord's timing. Read Psalm 27:14, Psalm 37:5-8, Micah 7:7. What are you waiting for God to do in your life? Meet a need, answer a prayer, change a heart, heal a sickness, mend a broken relationship. Ask your group for prayer—this is the purpose of small groups—to help one another and know each others' needs and challenges.
- John 12:12-14 tells us that thousands of people lined the streets waiting for Jesus. Think of the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade, or the New Year's Eve. Party in New York—thousands and thousands waiting for the Messiah. And yet, when Christ shows up, He did not ride in on a giant, colorful, festive float, nor did He ride in sitting on a strong, tall war horse. Rather, he rode in on a donkey. How can Christ's humility influence the way you interact with those who don't know Him?
- John 12:19 reveals that the Pharisees were at a complete loss that they could not stop Jesus. His plan was inevitable, invincible, unstoppable. This should buoy up, strengthen and reinforce our faith and trust in God's plan. Share with your group the ways the enemy has tried to stop you and discourage you. What lessons have you learned in spiritual endurance from the constant attacks of the enemy?
- Conclude your discussion time with a praise session for Christ's arrival on Palm Sunday and what it means to you personally. Maybe you've never publicly shared your salvation testimony. If not, do so with your group.