

**EASTER 2024**  
*"Losing to Live"*  
**John 12:20-26**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. LAST WEEK WE NOTICED THREE THINGS ABOUT JESUS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY:

**I. THE ANTICIPATION OF THE KING WE WANT**

1. Vs 12-13

**II THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE KING WHO IS**

1. Vs 14-15

**III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE KING WE GET**

1. Vs 16

2. Vs 12

3. Vs 13

a) "*Hosanna*" - means "Lord Save Us"

**4. THEY WERE NOT LOOKING FOR SALVATION FROM THEIR SINS**

5. John 12:32-33

a) Vs 32

1) "*When I am lifted up*" - Crucified

6. Vs 34 Woe!!! "*Wait - a - minute.*" "*Hold it right there...*"

a) "What kind of Messiah are you anyway?"

7. *Isaiah 9:3*

a) "*You have multiplied the nation...*"

1) Which means the nation will grow numerically.

b) "*You have increased its joy*" - "*they rejoice before you*"

1) Which means we're all going to be happy.

c) "*as with joy at the harvest*"

1) Stock market is going up.

d) "*as they are glad, when they divide the spoil*"

1) Prosperity, prosperity, prosperity!!!!

8. *Isaiah 9:4-7*

a) **Exactly** - *Messiah will not die!!!*

9. NOW - *Isaiah 53:4-6*

a) What.....???????

10. We do the same thing!!!

a) *Matthew 6:21*

b) *2 Corinthians 6:14*

c) *Ephesians 5:18*

d) *Ephesians 4:32*

e) *Mark 12:30-31*

f) *Matthew 7:1-5*

11. 1 *Corinthians 6:9-11* WOW

a) "*revilers*" - those who use the tongue to berate, tear down another

b) "*swindlers*" - a person who cheats or defrauds another person!!!

c) "*idolator*" - an idol is anything we love more than God!!!

(Three FACTS about Salvation)

I. FIRST IS THE EXTENT OF SALVATION

1. John 12:17

a) Vs 18

1) "*sign*" - "*semeion*" - *points to something of greater significance*

b) Vs 19

1) "*Look the world has gone after Him*"

2) *Wow...what a prophetic utterance.*

2. Vs 20

a) "*Greeks*" - are Gentiles

3. Vs 21

a) "*So these came to Philip*"

1) *Why?*

4. There were 2 kinds of Gentiles who came to worship:

a) First were the *Proselytes*

1) Were Gentile converts who became Jewish in every way.

a. They were **circumcised**

b. They kept all the **dietary laws**

c. They **went to the Temple on a regular basis**

d. **Observed all the feasts and festivals**

2) **Image** - Court of the Gentiles

b) The second Group were "God Fearers"

5. Vs 21b

a) "*Sir we wish to see Jesus*"

6. Vs 22

7. Vs 23

a) "*The hour has come*"

1) 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 7:6,8

b) His time is immanent.

1) Vs 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1

8. Vs 24a

a) "*Truly, truly, I say unto you*"

b) "*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies*"

1) *And everybody knew exactly what Jesus meant.*

c) "*it remains alone*"

d) "*but if it dies, it bears much fruit*"

9. Jesus is saying that when He dies and is raised up from the dead, He will bare much fruit. *John 12:32*

10. Now that's THE EXTENT OF SALVATION - "*for whosoever will*"

a) *Romans 10:13*

b) *1 Timothy 2:3-4*

c) *2 Peter 3:9*

## II. NOW - THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVED

1. **Wow!!!** - *Jesus had to die so that you can be saved!!!*

2. **AND NOW** - Jesus has an expectation of you!!!!

3. Vs 25a

a) "*Whoever loves his life*"

1) Gk - "*psuche*" - refers to the intellect, emotion and will!!!

b) "*...loses it*"

1) Now that is totally against our narcissistic culture.

4. The fastest growing religion in the world is the religion of "**Self-Worship**".

a) We are a society of "*self-worshippers*"

1) We worship at the altar of **materialism**.

2) We worship at the altar of **Pride and ego**.

5. Vs 25a

a) "*Whoever loves his life loses it*"

6. *Jesus is talking about the requirement of Salvation.*

a) The one who loves his life in this world by preferring it **over the interests of God's kingdom**, will ultimately lose it.

7. On the other hand: Vs 25b

a) "*and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life*"

8. The word life is used 3 times in vs 25

a) "*life*" - gk = "**psuche**" - psyche

b) 1 John 2:15-17

9. Vs 25

10. *Galatians 5:19-21*

### III. FINALLY AN EXPLANATION OF A SERVANT

1. Vs 26

a) "*follow me*" - means there's a union, companionship, it means to attach

2. Jesus said, "*If you love me....*"

3. 1 John 2:6

4. True salvation is **affection** and **direction**.

5. **WOW!!!** It is possible to serve but not be following Jesus.

a) *Matthew 7:21-23*

6. **WARNING:** To be saved is to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

a) You are not saved by what you do, but by who you know!!!!

7. Vs 26 - There are 2 **promises**

a) A promise of **heaven** - "*and where I am, there will my servant be also*"

b) A promise of **honor** - "*If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him*"  
(privileges, and blessings)