**Sermon Notes for April 5, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**Palm Sunday**

*As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”*

*They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.*

*Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Mark 11:1–10 NIV11)*

**What do we want?**

**1. The leaders wanted the status quo**

*Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” (John 11:49–50 NIV11)*

**2. The crowd wanted a king**

*The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” (John 12:12–13 NIV11)*

*After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. (John 6:14–15 NIV11)*

*Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”*

*“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” (Joshua 5:13–14 NIV11)*

**3. James and John wanted power**

*Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”*

*“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.*

*They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” (Mark 10:35–37 NIV11)*

**4. Thomas wanted a cause to believe in.**

*Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (John 11:16 NIV11)*

**5. Woman with bleeding wanted healing**

*She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. (Luke 8:44–45 NIV11)*

**6. Mary wanted to worship.**

*Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (John 12:1–3 NIV11)*

***Wait***

*Martha had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. (Luke 10:39 NIV11)*

***Listen***

*Martha had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. (Luke 10:39 NIV11)*

***Give***

*Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (John 12:3 NIV11)*

When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. (Matthew 26:12 NIV11)

**What about us?**