

Readings

Scripture

^{10:45} For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

^{11:1} Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mark 10:45-11:10 (English Standard Version)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

- John 2:1-4 (English Standard Version)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

- John 12:12-23 (English Standard Version)

Sermon Outline

The Hour of the Son of Man

Mark 10:45-11:10; John 2:1-4; John 12:12-23

The Way Forward

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The Son of Man unfolds his redemption as the master of time.

We will look at three ways the Son of Man unfolds his redemption centering on Christ's Triumphal Entry...

First a look back: The Son of Man unfolds his redemption...

- **By resting us in his stance over time** (Daniel 7 & 8)
 - Daniel's visions of the successive kingdoms would stretch forward for centuries
 - The long silence between Malachi and the birth of Christ, 400 years
 - God's stance over time (2 Peter 3:8)

- **By assuring us in his orchestrating of time** (John 11:54-12:15)
 - Jesus withdrew, and then just before Passover, set up a demonstration, riding the donkey into town...the Triumphal Entry...this was not a random thing, but set in motion what culminated in Jesus going to the cross at Passover.
 - This is concerning Jesus, yes, but it extends to us as well (Matthew 10:29-32)

- **By calling us and showing us his time for us**

- He says COME (Matthew 11:28-30)
- He says "today" (Hebrews 3:12-15)

Reflection Questions (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- When do you most wrestle with God's timing?
- What reminds you to rest in his timing from his word and from your past experience of his faithfulness?
- What stands out to you from the way Jesus deliberately, intentionally walked through his last several days prior to his crucifixion?
- What do you sense that God is prompting you to respond to in faith "today"?