

John 12.12-36
“A Word on Glory” – Last Words of Jesus Sermon Series

- 1) How would you define glory? What are some examples of glory/glorification?
Looking at glory-themed passages in John, how does the Gospel understand glory?
How is it similar/different from our usual understanding? (See, for example, John 1.14, 2.11, 5.41-44, 7.39, 8.50-54, 11.4, 12.16, 12.41, 16.14, 17.20-24)

- 2) The crowds that greeted Jesus with palm branches hailed him as “the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” which is a quote from Psalm 118. Read Psalm 118. What does it tell you about who they thought Jesus was, and what they expected from him? How did he fulfill (or not) their expectations?

- 3) Read John 12.23-26. Jesus sees glory *through* suffering and self-sacrifice, rather than their absence. He calls his followers to a similar sacrificial service. How do you respond to this call in your life?

- 4) If Jesus is God incarnate (i.e., God in human flesh), why is he still “troubled” (John 12.27) by what is coming?

- 5) As was common among Jewish Rabbis (teachers) of his time, Jesus uses extreme or hyperbolic language to communicate truth – as when he says that only those who “hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” What does it mean to “hate your life in this world”? Do you?