

Gospel of John
[The Triumphal Entry (John 12:12-19)]

I. The Main Events in the Passage

-The People's Acclamation (vs. 12, 13)

-Jesus' Affirmation (vs. 14, 15)

-The Disciples' Lack of Comprehension (v.16)

-The Pharisees' Frustration (vs. 17-19)

II. The Larger Significance of the Passage

-John intends to link the raising of Lazarus with the triumphal entry (vs. 17, 18).

-John intends to draw attention to the disciples' failure to grasp the significance of these events at the time (v. 16).

-John intends to draw attention to the Pharisees' frustration over their inability to control the situation (v. 19).

-John intends to draw attention to the fact that Jesus is the promised Messiah-King of Israel (vs. 13, 15).

-John intends to draw attention to the kind of Messiah-King that Jesus is (v. 15).

III. The Practical Use of the Passage

1) Statement: Jesus went to the cross deliberately and voluntarily.

2) Summons: Behold your King!

3) Question: Who do you say Jesus is?