

“A Hero’s Welcome”

John 12:9-19

People will come to see a Hero.

When all the people heard of Jesus’ arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

John 12:9-11 (NLT)

We need a Hero to save us.

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,

“Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:

“Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.”

His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.

John 12:12-16 (NLT)

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.

Romans 5:6-9 (NLT)

We tell others about our Hero.

Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. That was the reason so many went out to meet him - because they had heard about this miraculous sign. Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

John 12:17-19 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Who was your favorite Superhero Growing up? Why?
2. Who are some of your earthly heroes? Why?
3. Read the account of Lazarus being raised from the dead in **John 11**. If you had come to console Mary & Martha and saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, would you have followed him and joined the entourage?
4. Read **John 19:1-16**. Just a few days later another crowd would shout "*Crucify him, Crucify him.*" If you were present at both the triumphal entry and the trial of Jesus would you have spoken up? Why or why not?
5. The reason the crowd grew so large at the entrance to Jerusalem was because people told everyone they knew that Jesus was coming. They had heard about the Miracle Jesus had done in Lazarus life. Are you telling others about the miracles Jesus is doing in your life? Is there someone you need to tell?