

# I Want to See Jesus

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## A Message for Palm Sunday

*Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. <sup>3</sup>Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?” <sup>6</sup>Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.” <sup>9</sup>The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.*

John 12:1-11 (New American Standard Bible)

*<sup>1-3</sup>When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs him, and will return him right away.’”*

*<sup>4-7</sup>They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, “What are you doing untying that colt?” The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.*

*<sup>8-10</sup>The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,*

*Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!  
Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Hosanna in highest heaven!*

Mark 11:1-10 (The Message)

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it<sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.<sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.<sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."*

Luke 19:39-44 (New International Version)

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.<sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."*

*<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying:*

*"Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!"*

Revelation 7:9-12 (NIV)