



GOING THE DISTANCE

Monday, April 10 | John 12:12-19

As we go through life we dream of what is in store for us. One day God's call on our lives becomes crystal clear to us. We begin to see people differently and we understand that it is no longer about us, but about those who don't know Jesus. So we begin to challenge ourselves to work with those that feel unloved or forgotten. We find the freedom that Christ intended for us all along. We begin to understand what it might have been like for Jesus when he made his made his triumphant entry into the city.

Jesus knew what was to come, and even so he stepped into the plan his father had for him. He was riding a young donkey, which would have been associated with a mission of peace. He entered the crowd as they were celebrating the Feast of Passover, which was a time of remembering God's saving ways. They had heard the stories of miracles. He was their King. They believed he could free the Jewish nation from the yoke of Rome and restore national freedom. Maybe they thought that Jesus would now step forward and take them to a place where their futures would be bright. The reality was Jesus knew in the days to come his life would be sacrificed, so that others would know his Father.

If you knew what tomorrow was to bring would, you still be willing to go the distance today?

Prayer: Father, today I want to express my thankfulness to you for the gift of your son. I also thank you for the gift of loving people, as it brings joy to my life. As I continue to serve in your Kingdom, I ask that you guide me into places where I will be stretched for your glory. Help me to sacrificially give of my time, talents, and resources, so that others will have the opportunity to know you.

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