



Don't Miss It

Scripture: Luke 1:68–79; John 12:12–16

Series: Abide With Us

_____ has come.

“raised up a horn of salvation” (v69).

- Points to Jesus but also reminds us that God has been actively _____ and bringing _____ in their midst.

The Messiah will offer _____ and _____ to God's people. (v77)

Important connections between Luke 1 and John 12:

- The people are _____ for a savior.
 - *“hosanna”* - Hebrew for “Save us”
- people are looking for salvation while _____ that salvation has _____!

Jesus brought about salvation through _____ and _____.

We are reminded of the Good News:

God has _____, God has _____ us, God has _____ us.

Start talking.

- What do you like best about parades: Bands? Famous personalities? Watching the girls go by? Celebrating the occasion? Vendors? Clowns? What do you like least: Traffic? Noise? Pick-pockets? Tall people? Clean-up?

Start thinking.

- How would you set this opening scene if writing it for TV? What "flashbacks" would you use as the TV producer to show the crowd now so whipped up, but once so confused and divided (as in 7:40-43; 10:19-21)?
- How could you tie in their hope that Jesus will do at this Passover what God did at the first Pass-over?
- Why a lowly donkey for Jesus (see Zec 9:9)?
- According to your script, what would the crowds, the disciples, and Jewish leaders be feeling now? One week later? Had you been there, what would you be feeling: Fanaticism, fickleness, faith, or fear? Why?

Start Reflecting.

- What convinced you that Jesus is your King? What is the best thing you've seen about the type of king he is?
- Is your worship life like a hero's victory or a funeral dirge? Why?
- Where is Jesus working to bring about salvation even now in our lives?
- Where do we need to lay down our expectation of who we think Jesus should be in order to embrace who Jesus really is?
- Where do we need to make straight paths for the good news of Christ to be shared in our world?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, I admit that I often have my own expectations of what you should do. Help me not to just know who you are but to live into what you've done and are doing. Help me to accept and live into the grace that you have already provided that I may be found faithful as I reflect you in every area of my life.

Start Doing:

- Look for where God is doing something in the ordinariness of life, and join Him.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.