

Seeing Jesus

John 12:9–19 | Palm Sunday

1. The Benefits Package *John 12:9–11*

- The Lazarus crowd came to see Jesus — and to see Lazarus.
- They believed in what Jesus could do. Not in who Jesus is.
- **Jesus is not our app. He is our Lord.**

2. The Ultimate Benefit *John 12:12–15*

- Palm branches = national liberation. They wanted Jesus to defeat Rome.
- They thought Lazarus proved Jesus could win.
- **They thought Lazarus was a sign that Jesus could win. Lazarus was the win.**
- A benefits package says: I need an upgrade. Resurrection says: I need a rescue.

3. The Disciples Finally See *John 12:16–19*

- The disciples didn't understand it either — at first.
- After the glorification they saw: his glory was the cross and the empty tomb.
- To follow Jesus means following him into the tomb.

Notes