

Welcome to Sierra
Community Church



Good Friday
Friday, April 18th 7pm - 8pm

Easter Services
Saturday, April 19th 6:30pm
Sunday, April 20th 9am & 10:45am

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Palm Sunday

Great Expectations

► Passover Celebration -Exodus 12



-From Bethlehem

-Without Blame



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- "the Large Crowd" -John. 12:12
- Cloaks & Palm Branches -Mark 11:7
- "*Hosanna*"= Rescue Us! -John 12:13



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- A donkey? -John. 12:14 / Zech. 9:9

Humble

Washes Feet

Parties with
down & outs

Quick to forgive

Lead a simple life

Not Modest

I am The Way

Accepts Honor
reserved for God

Claims Authority
reserved for God



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The Crowds Expectation:

- *A political revolution!*
- *Judgement for the "bad guys".*
- *Jesus (Savior) ~~Christ (Lord)~~*



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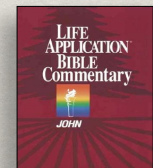
The Crowds Expectation:

- ▶ ~~A political~~ **Unfulfilled Expectations:**
- ▶ **Leads to disappointment and desertion.**
- ▶ ~~Jesus was not (Lord)~~



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“They were sure he would be a national leader who would restore their nation to its former glory; thus they were deaf to the words of their prophets and blind to Jesus’ real mission. When it became apparent that Jesus was not going to fulfill their hopes, many people turned against him.”



Life Application Bible Commentary - John page 251

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Jesus Expects:

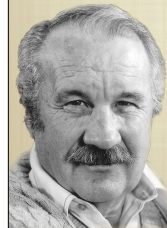
A DECISION.

Receive me or
Reject me.



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"You are not your own, you are bought with a price," (1 Corinthians 19-20). This is the beginning of true life: To recognize that fact, to surrender your claim to yourself, to give up your right to run your own affairs, and to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus, *to do what he says*, and to stop what he says to stop.



Ray
Stedman

<http://www.raystedman.org/new-testament/john/triumph-or-tragedy>

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We Can Expect:

- To live to see things all things made right.
- Jesus to change YOU from the inside out.



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