

# Did Jesus Say, "Take Up Your Cross?"

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## Say What?!, Pt. 8

**Luke 9:23; 19:28-44; John 12:12-19**

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**Zechariah 9:9**, *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

**John 12:12**, *The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ... 17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"*

## Who Was in the Crowd?

- Some Who Were COMMITTED
- Some Were Genuine FOLLOWERS
- Those Who Were WANTING Something
- Those Who Were OPPOSED to Jesus

**Luke 19:37**, *When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in*

*heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” 40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” 41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 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.*

### **Why Did Jesus Weep?**

- Their Buried TREASURE
- Their Pain and SUFFERING
- Their Indifference to the LOST and HURTING
- Their Rejection of SALVATION

**Luke 9:22**, *And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” 23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?*

### **Palm Sunday Questions We Must All Answer Today:**

- 1) Have you accepted God’s offer of salvation through Jesus Christ?
- 2) Do we see our city the way Jesus saw Jerusalem?
- 3) Are you ready to take up your cross?
- 4) Are you willing to come back to him?