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Series: Road to the Resurrection

Sermon Title: Following Jesus with Eternity in View

Scripture: [John 12:12-26](#)

Main Idea: True gain in Christ comes by following Jesus for the right reasons and being willing to lose your life here to gain it for eternity.

OUTLINE

1. Don't follow Jesus because of the temporary advantages you think He might give you.
2. Follow Jesus because of who He is: God's Anointed One and King.
 1. Jesus is God's Anointed One (Messiah)- John 12:13; Psalm 118:25-26
 2. Jesus came gently as the King. - John 12:14-16; Zechariah 9:9-10
3. Be willing to follow Jesus by losing your life here to gain it in the next (John 12:20-26).
 1. God the Father glorified His Son, Jesus, by sending Him for the cross and resurrection (24-25)
 2. To follow Jesus wholeheartedly, we must hate your life in this world and lay it down for eternity (25-26)

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read John 12:12-26 together.

1. As you read these verses, what is most striking to you?
2. How did Pastor Matt differentiate between following Jesus for temporary advantages versus for who He truly is?
3. What expectations did you have when you put your trust in Christ? Were they biblically legitimate expectations?

4. Is it okay to appeal to people to trust in Christ so that He can solve their personal problems? Why or why not?
5. Have you experienced disappointment with God? Describe your disappointment? Was it caused by faulty expectations? How so? How did you deal with it? How are you *learning* to handle disappointment?
6. Are there any areas of your life (work, finances, relationships, goals, use of time, etc.) where Jesus is not your King? What specifically do you need to do to yield these areas to Him?
7. When you thinking of being willing to lose your life in this life to gain it in the next, what response does that provoke in you? Why?
8. How are we to trust the Lord and walk in faith to gain our life in eternity?
9. How can we tangibly help one another live this way?

Remember to join us Friday night at 6:30 for our Good Friday service. Please come in quietly, and prayerfully to prepare your heart for remembering Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.