

I WANT TO BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT... “Is Jesus Who He Said He Was?”

¹² The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. **A large crowd of Passover visitors** ¹³ took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, **“Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!”** ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: ¹⁵ “Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.” ¹⁶ His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. ¹⁷ **Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb**, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. ¹⁸ That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. **John 12:12-18 (NLT)**

¹⁹ So, the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, **“we would like to see Jesus.”** **John 12:19-21 (NIV)**

First, the Roman soldiers were there:

A large crowd of Passover visitors... v. 12

The Roman Soldiers: THOSE WHO MOCK

They laugh and scoff at the idea of who Jesus claims to be.

Next, there were those who came to see Lazarus:

Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb... v. 17

The Crowd Was There for Lazarus: THOSE WHO HOPE

They are looking for Lazarus to make up their own minds about Jesus’ claim.

And there were also worshippers in the crowd:

"We would like to see Jesus." v. 21

The Worshippers: THOSE WHO BELIEVE

They seek Jesus and want to spend time with Him.

Those who laugh have never truly met Him!

Those who hope have never finished investigating!

Those who believe will never stop worshipping!

MEET HIM!

INVESTIGATE HIM!

WORSHIP HIM!