

FACES IN THE CROWD
John 12:12-19

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1. The _____ Were There

- Present out of obligation / duty
- Compared to a Roman “Triumphal Entry” this was foolishness
- Later we’re told, *“Then the governor’s soldiers... stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They... mocked him.” Matt. 27:27-29*

2. The _____ Were There

“...large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.” John 12:9

- They wanted to see the “show” and get what they could get from Jesus
- *“Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.” John 12:18*

3. The _____ Were There

“So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!” John 12:19

- Self-appointed guardians of the law and its proper observance
- Couldn’t stand not being in the spotlight
- *“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves!” Ezekiel 34:2-3*
- *“They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain.” Isaiah 56:11*

4. The _____ Were There

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

- God-fearers who humbly came to see the Master
- *“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks...” John 4:23-24*

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