WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS
John 12:12-19

Introduction:

• 2 million people at Passover Feast.
• 256,000 lambs slain at one Passover.
• Who were the faces in that Passover crowd? Who would you see?
• What were they thinking?

I. The ROMAN SOLDIERS were there.

   A. They were charged with keeping the Jewish people under control.
   B. They must have smiled at Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.
   C. Isn’t that how some people treat Jesus today?
      1. People laugh at Him and the people who worship Him.
      2. What educated people would believe some of the things He did?

II. People wanting to see LAZARUS, raised from the dead were there.

   A. People were there to see the SHOW, not the MASTER.
   B. Isn’t that why some people come to church today?

III. The RELIGIOUS LEADERS were there.

   A. Pharisees were wherever the power and prestige was.
   B. People following Jesus placed the Pharisees’ political positions in jeopardy.
   C. God is not pleased with that kind of leadership. (Ezekiel 34:2-3)

IV. People who wanted to SEE JESUS were there. (John 12:20-21)

   A. Oh that we would all say that: “WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS.”
   B. When we see and believe this truth:
      1. Then we begin to worship Him.
      2. We begin to bow down and surrender to God.
      3. We begin to follow and obey His will.
Conclusion: The people in the Palm Sunday crowd were:

- The ones who were amused and laughed at Jesus.
- The ones who wanted to join the party and get what was in it for themselves.
- The ones who wanted the power and prestige.
- The ones who wanted to see Jesus.

Which one of these 4 groups do you identify with this morning?