

“Resisting Rescue”

Accompanies the 3/27/22 Sermon

Resisting Rescue: The Crowd

Good friends are hard to find when things get tough. As Jesus neared the cross the crowds that used to surround him would begin to leave. Eventually even those closest to him would fade into the shadows. In part 3 of Resisting Rescue as Jesus neared the cross the crowds that used to surround him would begin to leave. Eventually even those closest to him would fade into the shadows. In our third message of Resisting Rescue, we will find that the crowd that enthusiastically followed Jesus after a great miracle would deny him in the face of adversity.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **John 12:12-19 & 37-43**

1. What in today's text do you find interesting, creates questions, or you find exciting?
2. Context often helps us have a better understanding of what was happening. What do we know about the events that occurred leading up to what happened in this text?
3. What contrasts exist in the crowd's posture towards Jesus and the two sets of scriptures that we read?
4. Why would the crowd not openly acknowledge Jesus? What risk would there be in doing so?

GETTING PRACTICAL

It's easy for us to look at characters in the Bible and judge their motivation. If we're honest with ourselves all of us tend to reject the things of God for the approval of people.

1. It seems that we are all in some way looking for approval from others. How has this impacted your life? In what ways has it been good? In what ways has it been damaging?

Read Galatians 1:10 and Proverbs 29:25

2. What does the Bible remind us about pleasing people? What can we learn from these verses?

The crowd in John 12 rejected Jesus because of their fear of man and their love of receiving praise from other people.

1. How do we keep from doing this in our own life?
2. How does this type of mindset prevent us from living out who God created for us to be?
3. How does it impact our willingness to share the gospel with others?