

## Notes on Last Sunday's Message

### **FRIENDS OF THE KING**

John 12

#### **COMING TO MEET THE KING.**

• 12:12 *"The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, 'Praise God! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel.'"*

• On Palm Sunday, which we celebrate today, crowds came out to meet Him and proclaim him as their king. In that crowd there were people who were:

**FRIENDS** OF THE KING, like Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. • *"Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from the essence of nard and she anointed Jesus' feet with it and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with fragrance."*

**ENEMIES** OF THE KING. There were people who knew him and had a sour attitude toward him, like Judas Iscariot, who became his enemies. Judas objected to wasting the expensive nard on the Master. He soon betrayed him and then, overwhelmed with the negative, killed himself. • *"But Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who would betray him—said, "That perfume was worth a small fortune. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."* • **The warning here** is that if we let ourselves become restless and discontent, feel like God is ruining our happiness and his church never seems to know when enough is enough, then we may lose a saving relationship with Him.

#### **SOME FUTURE FRIENDS** of the KING.

The majority of people didn't really know him. It was a passing parade for them. They would go back to their homes, work and entertainment. Some would come again to him.

**This coming was a preview of a coming attraction** when Jesus will appear in the skies like lightening seen all over the earth at one time - when the creation will be consumed by fire - and those who love him as King and friend will be called up into the air to meet him. What sort of person should we be then, to be prepared for that day?