Sermon Notes | Pastor Ricky Smith **04/14/19**

Series: Intimate Moments with Jesus

Sermon Title: "The Last Supper" John 13:1-17 (NKJV)

Jesus entered into Jerusalem riding on a donkey celebrated by the people as a king. The people spread their clothes and palm branches on the road before him. Jesus did not allow the accolades of the people of the triumphal entry to change who he was. Jesus walked out of Jerusalem carrying a cross and the weight of the sin of the world. In between these two events, Jesus took the humble position of a servant and washed his disciple's feet.

Intimate moments reveal who we are at the core of our being.

Who was Jesus at the core: Jesus was a man of love and humility committed to fulfilling God's plan for his life.

> Jesus came to do "the will of the Father." John 6:38
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> Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10
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> Jesus came not "to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Jesus did not allow the attitudes and actions of others to change or define who he was.

1. **Judas' betrayal did not change or define who Jesus was.**

2. Peter's pride did not change or define who Jesus was.

3. The fact that Jesus knew he would shortly be abandoned by all the disciples and be denied by Peter did not change or define who Jesus was.

4. The trial that was before Jesus did not change who Jesus was.

Every crisis reveals what we lack and therefore need from God.

Ask and God will freely give.

As we see in Jesus' life, true greatness in God's' kingdom consists in the depth of one's love, humility, and determination to see God's will fulfilled in one's life.

Jesus did not allow the attitudes and actions of others to change who he was. Nor did he allow what he was about to suffer change who he was. May we be more like Jesus.