

## **THE BOOK OF JOHN**

### **A LESSON OF HUMILITY**

*Meanwhile a 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. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him. The next day the great crowd that had come for the Festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"*

JOHN 12:9-19 TNIV

*Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.* ZECHARIAH 9:19 NLT

#### **Jesus teaches us on the dangers of pride**

*The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.* MATTHEW 23:11-12 TNIV

#### **1. Pride wrecks relationships**

*Pride only breeds quarrels...* PROVERBS 13:10 NIV

*He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife...* PROVERBS 28:25 NKJV

#### **2. Pride holds you back**

*Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.* PROVERBS 11:2 NLT

*Anyone willing to be corrected is on the pathway to life. Anyone refusing has lost his chance.* PROVERBS 10:17 LB

*The wicked people are proud. They do not look for God; there is no room for God in their thoughts.* PSALM 10:4 NCV

#### **3. Pride stresses you out**

*Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.* PROVERBS 29:23 NLT

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.* PROVERBS 16:18 NASB

*You rescue the humble, but you humiliate the proud.* PSALM 18:27 NLT

*Better to live humbly with the poor than to share plunder with the proud.* PROVERBS 16:19 NLT

#### 4. Pride makes God angry

*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.* JAMES 4:6 NIV

*Human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment. For the Lord of Heaven's Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted.*

ISAIAH 2:11-12 NLT

#### 5. How to grow in humility

##### Own your junk

*A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.* PROVERBS 28:13 LB

Be humble or you'll stumble. D.L. Moody.

##### Identify your real talents

*Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities...* ROMANS 12:3 Phillips Translation

##### Give God credit for your success

*What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you have accomplished something on your own?*

1 CORINTHIANS 4:7 LB

##### Serve others unselfishly

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...* PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5 NIV

##### Learn to depend on Jesus

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.* JAMES 4:10 NIV

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

MATTHEW 11:28-29 NIV