

# HOPE OVER HYPE

- Hype-sensationalism; from hypodermic or hyperbole (deliberate and extreme exaggeration to emphasize a point without being literal); to give something a false impact, energy or appeal
  - Superbowl, boxing matches, WWE Wrestlemania
  - Drugs, advertising-making promises that cannot be kept
  - COVID-19-has it been hyped up? Most would say yes. Results-people buying and hoarding supplies; drugs like hydroxychloroquine being saved for COVID patients such that folks with things like Lupus are being denied meds by their Dr's. ASHP has said not to do this.
  - Church not exempt: Rich Kirkpatrick talking about worship hype said "hype seems to be contrary to both truth and love"; in Ukraine evangelistic reports stated conversions 5X pop.
- Hope-feeling of expectation & desire for a certain thing to happen; Bible-confident expectation of what God has promised. But is it more than that?



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- John 12:12-50 – the Triumphal entry (12-19); 20-50 Jesus interacts with those there to explain why He is there – does not lead to belief
- Hype leads to the wrong focus – notice the crown around him; there because of Lazarus being raised
  - It comes from many sources-those around us; the world
  - Can come from within; seems to be tied in some way to a perceived need – emotional or physical that the item hyped might be able to meet
  - Jews in Jesus' day wanted to be delivered from Roman rule-not Jesus plan so they did not believe (v. 37); Ridderbos, p. 444
- Hope leads to a proper perspective – Jesus states He is going to die – the hour has come; Jesus asks God to glorify His name-not to deliver Him – Jesus hope was in His relationship with God; trusting His plan
  - Hope's content-God's Kingly rule  
Hope's basis-gracious work of God in Christ
  - Hope's nature-it is a gift of God's grace
  - Rome later persecuted Christians
- Romans 8:22-25-believers long for the day when our adoption is complete – requires patience in our confident hope
- I Peter 1:18-21-it is the work of Jesus, His precious blood, that gives us hope – an eternal hope in God
- More Than Anything lyrics: Hope is not found in feelings or things, hope is found in a person –  
Jesus of Nazareth

