

PALM SUNDAY

TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK. HISTORICALLY, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE HUMBLE CORONATION OF KING JESUS, HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS AS THE PASSEOVER LAMB, AND HIS GLORIOUS RESSURECTION. AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, JESUS HAD BEEN ON THIS EARTH FOR 33 YEARS. THE LAST 3 YEARS OF HIS LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES THE WAYS OF GOD, WARNING PEOPLE OF A COMING JUDGEMENT, OFFERING SALVATION, HEALING THE SICK, DELIVERING PEOPLE FROM DEMONIC POSSESSION AND STRONGHOLDS, EXECUTING POWER OVER NATURE, AND RAISING THE DEAD. IT HAS BEEN QUITE THE EARTHLY JOURNEY INDEED FOR OUR LORD. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST WAS FILLED WITH BLESSING AND ADVERSITY ALL ALONG THE WAY. ON THIS DAY, MANY MANY YEARS AGO, JESUS UNDERSTANDS THAT HE IS AT THE END OF HIS PERFECT LIFE HERE ON EARTH. HE HAS NOT MADE HIMSELF "KNOWN" IN A GRANDIOS WAY UNTIL TODAY. IT IS THE DAY THAT HE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS KING PUBLICLY. ALL FOUR GOSPELS RECORD THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS WEEK, AS THEY SHOULD. THIS IS THE GREATEST GIFT MANKIND HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN. SALVATION, NOT BY WORKS BUT BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD. FOUR WORDS ENCOMPASS JESUS CHRIST'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM. PILGRIMAGE, PROPHECY, PRAISE, AND PERPLEXITY. MY PRAYER IS THAT TODAY WE ALL MAY HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR SOVEREIGN KING HAS DONE FOR US. THANK YOU, JESUS.

PILGRIMAGE / SHOW SLIDE

JESUS HAS MADE HIS WAY TO JERICHO, HE HAS BEEN GATHERING CROWDS THAT FOLLOW HIM BY SPEAKING SUPERNATURAL WISDOM, PERFORMING SUPERNATURAL MIRACLES, AND CONVERTING JEWS TO SALVATION IN HIS NAME. JESUS RUNS INTO A VERY SHORT TAX COLLECTOR NAMED ZACCHAEUS. HE WAS A HATED OUTCAST AMONG JEWISH PEOPLE BECAUSE HE HAD BETRAYED THEM BY WORKING FOR ROME COLLECTING THE ROMAN TAX. ALSO EXTORTING EXTRA TO LINE HIS OWN POCKETS. ZACC REPENTS, OFFERS TO GIVE HALF OF HIS MONEY TO THE POOR AND PAY BACK EVERYONE HE CHEATED FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT

Luke 19:9 NIV

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

JESUS DOES NOT COUNT OUR PAST AGAINST US

JESUS ALSO HEALS A BLIND MAN NAMED BARTIMAEUS WHO CRYED OUT FOR MERCY EVEN THOUGH THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM REBUKED HIM FOR SHOUTING. "JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!"

Mark 10:52 NIV

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

THE ROAD FROM JERICHO TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES IS A 3,000 FT. VERTICAL CLIMB BUT THE ROAD WAS PAVED SO ROMAN SOLDIERS COULD MOVE SWIFTLY BACK AND FORTH ONCE YOU REACH THE TOP WHERE THE VILLAGE OF BETHPHAGE (HOUSE OF FIGS) IS, THERE IS A PLATEAU WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE EASTERN SIDE OF JERUSALEM AND THE EAST GATE OF THE TEMPLE. VERY NEAR BETHPHAGE WAS ANOTHER VILLAGE CALLED BETHANY. THIS IS WHERE MARY, MARTHA, AND LAZARUS LIVED. JESUS HAD RECENTLY RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD. BY THIS TIME THERE IS A VERY LARGE CROWD ASSEMBLING.

John 12:1-11 NIV

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will

always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE GATHERING BEFORE THE CORONATION, THE JEWISH LEADERS HATE FOR JESUS INCREASES, THIS IS ALL BY THE WILL OF GOD

PROPHECY

Matthew 21:1-5 NIV

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

THIS IS ZECHARIAH 9:9 & GENESIS 49:10-11 (JACOB'S
MESSIANIC PROPHECY

DAUGHTER OF ZION/PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM/MOUNT ZION
HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

THESE ARE TWO OF MANY PROPHECIES THAT JESUS WILL
FULFILL THIS PASSION WEEK

Mark 11:4-7 NIV

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

THE DISCIPLES DID NOT ARGUE OR ASK QUESTIONS, THEY
WENT. GOD KNOWS EVERY DETAIL IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE
WE ARE TO OBEY WHAT HE SAYS

JESUS RIDES THE COLT THAT NO ONE HAD EVER RIDDEN
BEFORE, HE HAS DOMINION OVER EVERYTHING

WE NEED TO DEVELOP A "DONKEY MENTALITY"
HE CARRIED THE GLORY OF GOD INTO THE CITY, HE DID NOT
THINK THE CROWD WAS CHEERING FOR HIM, HE MEARLY DID
THE JOB THE LORD NEEDED HIM TO DO WHILE ALLOWING
JESUS THE KING TO BE SEEN AND GLORIFIED

PRAISE

Matthew 21:8-9 NIV

⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna the highest heaven!”

SHOW SLIDE

JESUS MAKES HIS TRIUMPHANT DESCENT FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THROUGH THE KIDRON VALLEY, INTO THE TEMPLE AREA THROUGH THE EASTERN GATE. THIS WOULD BE HIS LAST PASSOVER

THE SPREADING OF CLOAKS ON THE ROAD IS A SIGN OF SUBMISSION.... THIS IS A MAKESHIFT HUMBLE RED CARPET

PALM BRANCHES ARE A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH (THEY LAST SO LONG IN A BARREN PLACE), BEAUTY (GREEN IN A BARREN PLACE), JOY, AND SALVATION

PASSOVER IS THE CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEING DELIVERED OUT OF BONDAGE IN EGYPT. THEY KNEW THE OT SCRIPTURES THAT SAID A MESSIAH(DELIVERER) WOULD COME AND DELIVER THEM. THEY HOWEVER BELIEVED JESUS WAS

GOING TO DELIVER THEM FROM ROME AND ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH IMMEDIATELY.

HOSANNA IS A HEBREW EXPRESSION FOR “SAVE NOW” OR “SAVE US”

HOSANNA SON OF DAVID! MESSIANIC, JESUS WAS FROM THE LINE OF DAVID. GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH (LEGAL, ADOPTION) IN MATTHEW’S GOSPEL AND MARY’S (BY BLOOD) IN LUKE’S GOSPEL

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
PSALM 118 / THE CONQUERER’S PSALM / HALEL PSALMS 113-118, SONGS OF ASCENT SUNG WHEN ASCENDING INTO THE TEMPLE

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!! SAVE US NOW BY MEANS OF THE ALMIGHTY

Luke 19:39-42 NIV

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

TO MUZZLE THE WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE KING WOULD
CAUSE NATURE TO BREAK OUT IN WORSHIP
NOT EVEN THE GREATEST CHRIST HATERS CAN MUZZLE THE
WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE KING!!

JESUS IS COMING DOWN INTO THE CITY AS A KING WHO DOES
NOT COME TO MAKE WAR WITH ROME, BUT PEACE WITH GOD,
A CONQUERER, NOT OF ROME BUT A CONQUERER OF SIN &
DEATH

PERPLEXITY

John 12:16 NIV

¹⁶ 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.

ONLY WHEN JESUS SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT DID HIS DISCIPLES
UNDERSTAND

Matthew 21:10-11 NIV

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

STIRRED/SEIO/SHAKEN, THROWN INTO AN UPROAR

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED
IN FRONT AND BEHIND OF JESUS AT THIS POINT. SOME ARE
CONFUSED

JESUS MADE SURE THE CORONATION WAS BIG ENOUGH TO
SHAKE THE CITY (HE WILL DO THE SAME WHEN HE RETURNS
AGAIN).

THEN, TO SOLIDIFY THE SITUATION JESUS GOES INTO THE
TEMPLE AND ATTACKS THEIR SYSTEM INSTEAD OF ROME

THE VERY ONES SCREAMING HOSANNA, WILL BE THE SAME
ONE'S SCREAMING CRUCIFY HIM ON FRIDAY

THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE IN THIS WORLD FOR THE JESUS
THAT PEOPLE WANT, NOT THE JESUS WHO IS

JESUS DID NOT COME TO FULFILL OUR DREAMS, BRING US
PROSPERITY, AND HAPPINESS

HE CAME TO ATTACK OUR FALSE RELIGION, EXPOSE OUR SIN
AND JUDGEMENT, AND RESCUE US FROM DEATH AND HELL

HE CONFRONTS OUR SIN AND OFFERS SALVATION, BY GRACE
THROUGH FAITH

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