

**PALM SUNDAY**

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## ***Luke 19:28-31***

***28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.***

***29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,***

***30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.***

***31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.***

**• In times of war, a king would always ride a stallion or horse.**

**• In times of peace, a king would ride a colt or donkey.**

**\*For Jesus to ride into Jerusalem  
on a donkey was to declare that He  
was the King.**

**\*I also want you to remember that Jesus rode in on a donkey, not a horse... this was peaceful declaration of who He was.**

## ***John 12:1-2***

***1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.***

***2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.***

## ***John 12:9-13***

***9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.***

***10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;***

***11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.***

***12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,***

***13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

- **There was an electricity in the air.**
  - **There was excitement.**
- **Jesus was the topic of conversation.**

- **Jesus' disciples were there.**
- **Among the crowds would be those Jesus had healed.**
- **There would be many of His followers there.**
- **Those who had witnessed His miracles and heard His teachings would be there.**

- **The Sadducee's, the Pharisee's.**
  - **The keepers of the law.**
- **Those who were jealous of Jesus.**
- **Those who felt threatened by Jesus.**

- **The occupying government... they would be there.**
  - **Watching and waiting for any sign of rebellion against Rome.**
- **They would be there in force, ready to crush any uprising.**

- **They were waiting on both sides of the road.**
- **Many of them laid their cloaks down on the streets as a sign of reverence to this King.**
  - **They had cut down Palm branches in anticipation of His arrival.**

**• People are pushing and shoving each other to get a glimpse of Him.**

**• The people are waving their Palm branches and shouting. "Hosanna, Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."**

**Jesus knew that the thousands of people who were shouting, "Hosanna to the King", would be shouting, "Away with Him, Crucify Him" in just a few days time!**

**Jesus knew that the people did not really understand what this moment meant.**

- **They were caught up in the moment.**
    - **They had heard about all of the wonderful things that Jesus could do.**
- They thought that Jesus was coming to rescue them from their oppressors**

- **Yes, there were a few in the crowd who really knew Jesus.**
- **There were a few of His true followers there.**
- **But even they did not understand what was really happening.**
  - **They also thought that Jesus would rescue them from Rome.**

**The waving of Palm Branches was  
a practice that had begun 200  
years previous.**



**The people spontaneously celebrated by waving palm branches. From that time forward the palm branch became a symbol of deliverance from oppression.**

**On Palm Sunday some 200 years later, the people were waving Palm Branches and shouting Hosanna in anticipation of Jesus becoming their deliverer from the Roman oppression.**

**The people missed the message**

- **Jesus was not riding a horse as a King of War would but was riding a colt...the symbol of peace.**
- **Jesus had come to Jerusalem, not with a political message, but with a spiritual message.**
- **Jesus had come to Jerusalem as a King of Peace and Love and Compassion.**
- **Jesus had come to Jerusalem with a message of forgiveness.**

***Luke 19:41-44***

***41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,***

***42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.***

***43 For the days shall come upon thee, that  
thine enemies shall cast a trench about  
thee, and compass thee round, and keep  
thee in on every side,***

***44 And shall lay thee even with the  
ground, and thy children within thee; and  
they shall not leave in thee one stone  
upon another; because thou knewest not  
the time of thy visitation.***

**When Jesus ascends the hill to Jerusalem,  
and when he gets close enough to hear  
the people's cry and see the Palm  
Branches waving in the air, his heart sinks  
in his chest and Jesus begins to cry!**

**Why did He cry?**

**Jesus is still weeping today.  
He is weeping for your family.  
He is crying over Granite Shoals.**

**But His weeping is about over.**

**There is a day very near where the Bible says that Jesus is coming back not on a colt, but on a white horse.**

**In other words, He is coming back not as a peaceful King, but as a conquering King.**

**He is coming to defeat the armies of this world once and for all.**

**• On that day it will be too late to receive anything from God.**

**• On that day it will be too late to wave Palm Branches and cry out Hosanna.**

**On that day it will be too late to save your family.**

- **They tried to make Jesus into the Jesus they wanted.**
- **They tried to make Jesus into the Jesus that was useful to them.**

**When they found out that Jesus would not be the Jesus they wanted, they rejected Him.**

**This world is making Jesus into the Jesus  
they want.**

**They are making Jesus into the Jesus that  
is useful to them.**

**But the Bible says that Jesus Christ is the  
same, yesterday, today and forever.**

- **We are either for Him or against Him.**
  - **We either accept His message or reject it.**

**There is no gray area with God.**

- **You need His Grace today.**
- **You need His Mercy today.**
  - **You need His Love today.**
- **You need His forgiveness.**
  - **You need His Spirit.**

**• Jesus wants to change you and then change your world through you!**

**• That is what it is all about!**