

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter and is the day we celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his earthly life.

Matthew 21: 1-16

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.” (Zechariah 9:9).

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 in the highest heaven!” **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.”

Palm Sunday: An Event filled with Deep Insight and Misunderstanding

Unlocking some of the insights surrounding 3 of the events on Palm Sunday:

- 1) The Red-Carpet Treatment.
- 2) The Cleansing of the Temple.
- 3) The Powerful Praise of the Children.

The Red-Carpet Treatment

They are shouting Hosanna!

Psalm 118:26, **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.** To Him they shouted, **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

So the word **Hosanna** developed to become both a **Petition** (a cry for help) and a **PRAISE** that would be **attributed to the SAVE-ER** or the **SAVIOR**.

Over the centuries it stopped being a cry for help and became more of a shout of Hope and **PRAISE** for the **SAVER** – WHO WOULD COME!

Palm Sunday Brings a Message of PEACE

Matthew 21:10 – 14 And when he entered Jerusalem, **the whole city was stirred up**, saying, **“Who is this?”** **11** And the crowds said, “This is **the prophet Jesus**, from Nazareth...”

The Cleansing of the Temple

Matthew 21:12 – 14 NIV Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. **13** “It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” **14** The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

On Palm Sunday, one of the last compassionate and prophetic acts that Jesus performed was:

- To heal the legs and the backs of the cripples...to bring their bones and hearts to peace.
- To open the eyes of the blind.

The Temple is exploding with JOY! Shouts of praise are rising up from the Temple Courts!

15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

16 “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “ ‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

Jesus Quotes:

Ps. 8:1,2 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

2 Through the **praise of children and infants** you **have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe** and the avenger.

The Powerful Praise of the Children

*The sincere praise from the lips of our children has power to silence our enemies!
In the end, Palm Sunday belonged to the children!*