

## Palm Sunday: Before Stones Sing”

### 1. READ

#### **Pastor William Curtis Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[a]</sup>

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

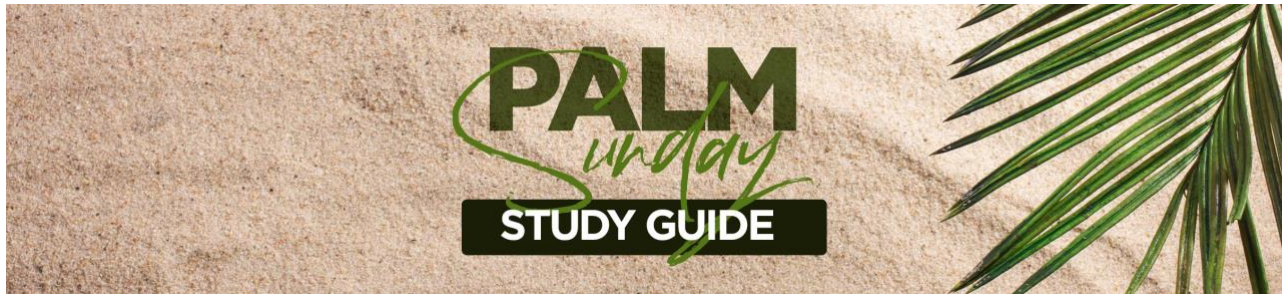
<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

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

#### **Isaiah 41:10 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.





**Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Luke 19 & Isaiah 41**

## 2. REFLECT

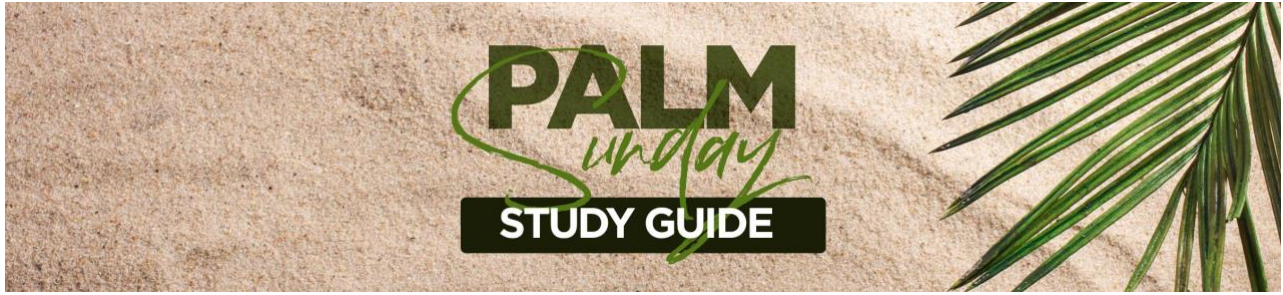
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Rev. Dr. William Curtis encourages us today to make sure that our testimony and praise to God are known. Dr. Curtis shares with us from the Gospel according to Luke and the 19th chapter when Jesus is entering Jerusalem. Jesus entered into the town to the people singing praise to Him because they should. However, Dr. Curtis shares that Pilate was also coming into the city at the other end at this same time. This was an issue because Pilate was the known King, but Jesus is the true King and Son of God. At this moment is when Dr. Curtis shared that Jesus replies to those trying to have Him tell the people to be silent. If they are quiet, the rocks will cry out is the reply of Jesus. Our witness should be unashamed in who Jesus is in our life. That is what the people were singing to on this day when they sang “Hosanna.” Dr. Curtis reminds us that “Hosanna” can be translated as “King Help Us.” They shouted to the Son of God, who was and is the only one that can bring help to our hopeful lives.



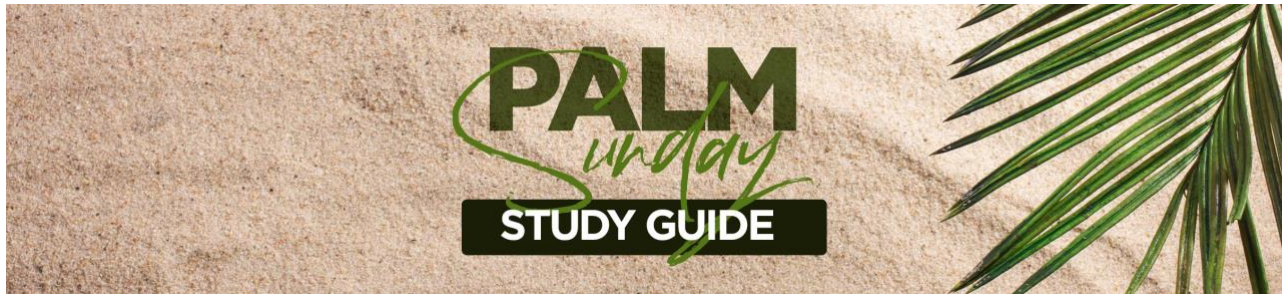




“Your expression of God’s goodness is always appropriate,” Dr. Curtis tells us. There is no moment in our life where praise to God isn’t worth it. These people had been through a lot, but they saw a moment to worship the true King who had the power to change it all.

This scripture is a reminder, Dr. Curtis tells us, the Jesus warmly enters where he is worshipfully welcomed. Our job is to worship our King in every situation in our lives and at every moment that we can. He is worthy of the praise.





### 3. RESPOND

#### **Introspective Questions**

- ï How do you worship God today?
- ï What sacrifice is connected to your worship of God?

#### **Discussion Questions**

- ï What do you think Pilate was saying on the other side of the city?
- ï How loud do you believe the praise of the people was on that day? Could it have been enough to stop the celebration of Pilate?

