

**PALM SUNDAY**  
SERMON NOTES ON JOHN 12:12-26

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 12:12-26** // <sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." <sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

**A King for Troubled Times**  
**John 12:12-26**

What kind of king do you need to lead you through troubled times?

I. A king of peace

A. The king the crowds were looking for (v. 12-13)

B. The king you need (v. 14-16; Zech. 9:9-11)

II. A king of power

A. The nature of Jesus' power (v. 17-19)

B. The use of Jesus' power (v. 20-26)

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. How are the present circumstances highlighting areas of sin, unbelief, and idolatry in your heart?
2. How is Jesus working on those areas and how are you responding to Him?
3. How does Christ's authority over death (and all things) comfort you during this time?
4. What does self-sacrifice (dying to self) look like in a time of quarantine?

# WALKING WITH JESUS THROUGH HOLY WEEK

The eight days between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (Holy Week) provide an annual interval in which to focus on the greatest events in human history—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Read and reflect each day, and join us online for worship as we fix our gaze on him who loved us to the end.

**Good Friday Service** // April 10, 12 pm on YouTube

**Easter Sunday Service** // April 12, 10:30 am on YouTube

## Sunday (Palm Sunday)

- Jesus enters Jerusalem: **Mark 11:1-10**

**Family Discussion:** What do you think it means that Jesus came to Jerusalem at the beginning of Passover? (Jesus as Lamb, sacrifice to rescue God's people from slavery).

## Monday

- Jesus curses the fig tree: **Mark 11:12-14**
- Jesus cleanses the Temple: **Mark 11:15-18**
- **Psalm 113-114**

**Family Discussion:** Why was Jesus angry? (no room for people to worship, salesmen just wanted to make money)

## Tuesday

- Teaching in the Temple: **Mark 12**
- **Psalm 115**

**Family Discussion:** What does the greatest commandment mean to you? (love God and love others)

## Wednesday

- Olivet Discourse: **Mark 13**
- **Psalm 116**

## Thursday

- The religious leaders plot: **Mark 14:1-2**
- Jesus anointed at Bethany: **Mark 14:3-9**
- Judas agrees to betray Jesus: **Mark 14:10-11**
- Preparation for Passover meal: **Mark 14:12-17**
- Passover meal: **Mark 14:18-25**
- Jesus and the disciples sing a hymn: **Mark 14:26**
- Jesus predicts Peter's denial: **Mark 14:27-31**
- Jesus prays in Gethsemane: **Mark 14:32-42**
- The arrest of Jesus: **Mark 14:43-50**
- Trial before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin: **Mark 14:53-65**
- Peter's denial: **Mark 14:66-72**
- **Psalm 117, 22**

**Family Discussion:** What is the meaning of Passover (Ex. 16)? (God redeems His people; points to new covenant/promise) How are Jesus and the Last Supper similar to the Passover? (blood of Lamb protected from angel of death, blood of Jesus covers our sins so we are saved from death)

## Friday (Good Friday)

- Jesus before Pilate: **Mark 15:1-15**
- The crucifixion of Jesus: **Mark 15:16-39**
- The burial of Jesus: **Mark 15:40-37**
- **Psalm 118**

## Saturday

- The tomb is guarded: **Matthew 27:62-66**

**Family Discussion:** How do you think Jesus' followers were feeling this day? (Sad, confused, scared, doubting. Share about a time when it was hard to see God was working through a hard time, but trusting Him to use it for our good and His glory)

## Sunday (Easter)

- He is risen! **Mark 16**
- The Great Commission: **Matthew 28:16-20**

**Family Discussion:** Talk about how death has been defeated. Jesus paid the debt of our sin. He paid it ALL!

*Note: The accompanying psalms (Psalms 113–118) comprise an important unit called the Hallel, which in Hebrew means "praise." Matthew and Mark record that Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn following their last meal together (Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26). That hymn may have been the Hallel. Additionally, Christ quotes Psalm 22 on the cross, and fulfills it in his crucifixion.*