

Palm Sunday

2026

Palm Sunday – Gospel Accounts

- **Matthew 21:1-11**
- **Mark 11:1-11**
- **Luke 19:28-44**
- **John 12:12-19**

Mark 11:1-2

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*.”

Mark 11:3-5

³ And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?”

Mark 11:6-8

⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.

Mark 11:9-10

⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ¹⁰ Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Mark 11:11

¹¹ And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

John 12:12-13

¹²The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ The King of Israel!”

John 12:14-15

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

**¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
Behold, your King is coming,
Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”**

John 12:12-16

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

Luke 19:41-43

⁴¹ Now as He (Jesus) drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

Luke 19:44

⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

- Jesus is intentional, focused, and surrendered.
- He sends for the colt (**Matthew/Mark/Luke**).
- He fulfills prophecy (**Zechariah 9:9**).
- He knows what's coming.
- **Luke 19:41 “As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it.”**

Luke 22:42

Father **“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from me: yet not My will, but Yours be done.”**

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- **“Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ The King of Israel!” - John 12:13**
- Palm Sunday crowd shouts **“Hosanna!”** but days later cries **“Crucify Him!”**
- **“Crucify Him!” - Mark 15:13-14**

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requires letting go of our
expectations and understanding.

- **John 19:30, “It is finished.”**
- “to bring completion, to accomplish, to fulfill”
- in perfect tense, meaning it is finished and remains finished forever
- Priests - the sacrifice was complete and accepted
- Merchants - bill had been paid in full
- Servants - finished the task that their master asked them to do

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surrender to Him today?

A situation, a relationship, a painful
experience, an act of obedience?

- For Jesus, Palm Sunday was not the finish line ... it was the final stretch to the cross.
- For humanity, Palm Sunday is a reminder that we too are on the final stretch of our race....
- but our race is NOT ran TOWARDS the cross
- our race is ran FROM the cross.

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- Surrendering to Jesus requires letting go of our expectations and understanding.
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