

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

For Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, consider reading one (or all) of the following passages:

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

Lighter Side

- What's a moment you've experienced a lot of hype or excitement around something only for it to turn out differently than expected?
 - What made the difference?
- If you were in a crowd welcoming a famous person into town, what would you expect that moment to feel like?
 - What would you hope they would do?

Look At the Book

- As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the crowd celebrates Him as King. What are they expecting Him to do?
 - What clues in the passage show their expectations?
- The same crowd shouting "Hosanna" will later turn on Jesus. How can people celebrate Jesus one moment and resist Him the next?
 - *Where do you see that tension in the text?*
- Look at how Jesus enters town: on a donkey, not a war horse. What does that communicate about the kind of King He is?
 - How is that different from what people might have wanted?
- In Luke's account, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. What does this reveal about His heart, even in a moment of celebration?

- What does He see that others don't?
- What stands out to you personally in this story that you may have overlooked before? A detail, a phrase, or a reaction?
 - Why does it catch your attention now?

Application

- Where might you be tempted to shape Jesus into the kind of King you want, instead of receiving Him as He truly is?
 - What would it look like to surrender that expectation?
- In what ways can our worship or enthusiasm for Jesus become surface-level or momentary?
 - What helps move it toward a lifetime of faith?
- The crowd publicly praised Jesus. What does it look like for you to openly acknowledge Him in your daily life at home, work, or in your community?
- Jesus' humility is central to this moment. Where is He inviting you to embrace humility instead of control, status, or recognition?
- What is a simple step you can take this week to follow Jesus more faithfully as your King?
 - How can the group support or pray for you in that?

Pray

- Praise God for who He is.
- Share a praise for something He's done for you.
- Pray for the courage to live for Him even when things get tough.