

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”

John 12:13 NIV

As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, “If only you had known on this day what would bring you peace! But now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will barricade you and surround you . . . Because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Luke 19:41-44 BSB

Holy Week Reveals:

1. Our fleshly expectations.

I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:10 NLT

Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

Matthew 26:35 NIV

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

Luke 23:39 NLT

2. The world's hesitation.

“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

John 18:38 NIV

From then on, Pilate tried to release Him, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who declares himself a king is defying Caesar.”

John 19:12 BSB

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

John 19:15b NIV

3. Jesus' humble proclamation.

“Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.”

Matthew 21:4-5 NLT

“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”

Matthew 26:52-54a NIV

The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 NLT

Weekend Music:

You are Good (Bethel Music) • The Lords Prayer (Your Kingdom Come)
Hosanna (Hillsong Worship)