

## We Welcome Him with Praise: Palm Sunday

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### I. Enter His Courts



Praise Paves the Way for His Presence

**Psalm 100:1-5** A psalm. For giving grateful praise. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### II. Parade of Palms

**Lev 23:40** (NLT) On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees—palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams. Then celebrate with joy before the LORD your God for seven days.

In **Matthew 21: 1-11** (NIV) As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, **the whole city was stirred** and asked, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### The Triumphal Entry

**John 12:14-15** (NIV) Finding a young donkey, Jesus sat on it, as it is written: 15 “**Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion**. See, your King is coming, seated on the colt of a donkey.”

**Zechariah 9:9** (NIV) Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



**Stirred** The entire town to acts of praise and surrender to Jesus as Lord.



We live **unafraid** of the future with our humble, peaceful King.



Never come **empty handed** bring branches from the field or coats from your closet.

### III. Praise Reminds us That we can Trust Him for the Future

**Revelation 7:9** (NLT) After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches.

### IV. Praise is a Purposeful Lifestyle

**2 Chronicles 20:22** (NIV) As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

- 1) Praise pushes back and sets ambushes against the enemy.
- 2) Praise changes the atmosphere and cleanses your mouth.
- 3) Praise eases the pain, improves your body, and heals the mind.

### This week we are reading:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar. 28, (Sat.) — <b>1 Peter 5</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Apr. 1, (Wed.) — <b>Matthew 1</b>  |
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