

Palm Sunday
A Faith that Works
March 24, 2024

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What is the significance of Palm Sunday?

1. Jesus _____ to be the suffering servant.

Mark 11:1 As **Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem**, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.

2. God is not looking for the qualified, but the _____.

Mark 11:2-6 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a **young donkey tied there** that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, '**The Lord needs it** and will return it soon.'" The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "**What are you doing, untying that colt?**" They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it.

3. Jesus loves a _____ church.

Mark 11:7-11 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. Many in the **crowd spread their garments on the road** ahead of him, and others **spread leafy branches** they had cut in the fields. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "**Praise God!** Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! **Praise God in highest heaven!**" So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

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Luke 19:41-44 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, **he began to weep**. “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

Key Thought: Their expectation of God was not what they hoped for, so they _____ looking.

4. Church is not about Sunday, but it is about _____.

Revelation 19:11-16 Then I saw heaven opened, and a **white horse was standing there**. Its rider was named **Faithful and True**, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like **flames of fire**, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the **Word of God**. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the **fierce wrath of God**, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

As we prepare for Easter:

1. _____.
2. _____.

Romans 10:13-14 Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells him?

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Revelation 5:12 In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

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