

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-44

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of **The Week That Changed the World**.

Luke 19:28: When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

Whenever you go to Jerusalem, you always go up to Jerusalem (2500 feet above sea level).

In Luke 19:28 Jesus is traveling between Jericho and Jerusalem. The ascent to Jerusalem is steep, gaining 3,300 feet in about 17 miles (-800 feet below sea level to 2500 feet above sea level).

Luke 19:29: And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet (Mount of Olives), that He sent two of His disciples.

The Mount of Olives runs north to south, and is located east of the Kidron Valley across from the Temple Mount (Gethsemane).

Luke 19:29-30: And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here."

Zechariah 9:9: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

In His first coming Jesus came lowly, riding a donkey; just and having salvation. He came to make Peace.

At His second coming Jesus is coming in **glory**! Riding on a white horse (Rev. 19). He's coming to make War.

This taking place on the Mount of Olives is **significant** because when Jesus returns at his second coming, Jesus is going to return to the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:4, 9: And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth.

Luke 19:35-36: Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

Other gospels: branches of trees and palm branches.

Luke 19:37-38: Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Matthew 21:9: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Psalms 118:24-26: This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Luke 19:38: Saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke's Gospel began with the angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14).

Luke 19:38: "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke 19:39: And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

The Pharisees realize the people are recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, giving him the glory due only to God (Psalm 118 / Zechariah 9:9 / Son of David).

Luke 19:40: But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Luke 19:41: Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it.

Wept: to wail or to sob out loud. Why?

John 1:11: He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Matthew 23:37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Luke 19:42: 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."

This day was prophesied in the Old Testament in Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118 and also in Daniel 9:25 - one of the greatest prophesies in the Bible. Daniel prophesied to the exact day: 69 sets of seven years (483 years = 173,880 days).

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Our text is interesting because Jesus expected the Jewish people to **understand the times** that they were living in! He expects us to **understand the times.**

Luke 19:43-44: For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 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.

In 70 A.D. the Romans besieged Jerusalem for 143 days, a siege in which over one million Jews would be killed.

Tragically, Israel missed the **day** that the Lord had for them. They missed out on the **peace** He came to bring. He was **visiting** them but they didn't know it. He was wanting to gather them as a hen gathers her chicks but they were **unwilling**.

What about you?

Are you at **peace** with God? If not, no doubt Jesus is weeping over **you**.

Jesus came just and having salvation - are you **saved**?

Daniel 9:26: Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.

He was cut off for YOU!

John 1:11-12: He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Have you received Him?

This week we want to **remember** what Jesus did for us.

Friday: 9 am - 3 pm, **remember**. Then at 7 pm worship and take communion. (Passover begins at sundown.)

Next Sunday: pursue someone and invite them to the Easter service. We are going to study one of the greatest texts in the Bible, where the resurrection is prophesied in the Old Testament.