

# The Cross

Easter is next week –

- We alternated between Grandparents
  - Mann's
    - Deviled Eggs
    - Jello w/whipped cream or cool whip
    - Radishes – Larger Radishes...Daikon?
      - Pics – wife/husband, kid, two
    - Roast Beef
  - Rainwater's
    - Gravy
    - Weirdest foods – Black-eyed peas, pig's feet
- Mom always made Easter special
  - Dying Easter Eggs – smell of vinegar,
  - Baskets with - Hollow Easter Bunny or Solid
    - You knew your mom loved you by..
  - Easter Egg Hunts

**Palm Sunday** – Jesus's Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem riding a donkey...1 week before his resurrection.

- **Mark 10: 32-34** –  
**32** They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. **33** “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of

the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, **34** who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

- **Zechariah 9:9** – *Written 520 Years B.C.*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- Donkey vs. Horse

- **Mark 11:1-11** –

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, **2** saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

**4** They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, **5** some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

**6** They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. **7** When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” **10** “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father

David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

- Palm Branch – Symbol of Grace, of Triumph and Victory

## **Show The Cross! - Billy Graham, Lecrae, Lacey Sturm (Flyleaf)**

### **Take Up Your Cross!**

- **Mark 8:34-38** –  
**34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? **37** Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? **38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

**Easter is the Celebration of :**

- Victory over Death and Hell
- Jesus's Victory over the Cross
  - Victory over our Cross!!

Dear God, I'm a sinner. I'm sorry for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ is your Son. I believe He died for my sin and that You raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord from this day forward. Jesus, I put my trust in You and I surrender my life to You. Please come into my life and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Jesus is the Passover!!!**