

# WHEN WE MAKE THE KING CRY

## Palm Sunday

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### CENTRAL MESSAGE:

*Jesus wept not because of anger, but because the people missed the opportunity to understand who He truly was and what He came to do.*

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## I. UNDERSTANDING PALM SUNDAY BEYOND THE SURFACE

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### The Common Understanding:

- Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter
- Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem
- People laid palm branches and coats before Him
- For most of us, this is the extent of our understanding

### Why the Bible Is Hard to Understand:

- We read it in old English (King James Version)
- Our cultural customs are different from biblical times
- We miss the significance of symbolic actions
- We need to read from multiple versions for better understanding

### Key Scripture: Luke 19:28-31

- Jesus sends two disciples to retrieve a colt that had never been ridden
  - This action carried deep symbolic meaning in the culture
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## II. THE CONTEXT: JESUS'S FINAL WEEK

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### Where Jesus Was Before Palm Sunday:

- Staying at Bethany in the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha
- These were His closest friends and inner circle
- Jesus had recently raised Lazarus from the dead (4 days in the tomb)
- He was having dinner with the people He truly loved

### Why This Week Was Different:

- Jesus knew this was His final week on earth
- He knew He was about to be tortured and crucified
- He spent His last moments of comfort with those He loved
- This was not a normal journey to Jerusalem

### The Significance of Going to Jerusalem:

- Most of His ministry took place in Galilee because Jerusalem was dangerous
  - Religious leaders there wanted to stone Him and call Him a heretic
  - Jerusalem was full of people who knew about God but didn't know God
  - Going to Jerusalem at this time was extremely significant
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## III. THE SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE DONKEY

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### What Kings Did When Entering a City:

- **On a stallion** = Coming for war, power, and conquest
- **On a donkey/colt** = Coming in peace

### Jesus's Public Declaration:

- For the first time in His ministry, Jesus made a direct, public declaration of who He was
- Throughout His ministry, He told people to keep quiet about His identity
- He spoke in parables to reveal truth indirectly
- But on this day, He declared openly: "I am the King—and I come in peace"

**Key Scripture:** Luke 19:35-39

- The people didn't understand the cultural significance
  - They thought He was coming to deliver them politically from Rome
  - They thought He was coming to free them from taxes and oppression
  - They missed the deeper spiritual meaning
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## IV. THE BUZZ IN JERUSALEM

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**The Recent Miracle Changed Everything:**

- Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead just weeks before
- News spread throughout Jerusalem
- Everyone wanted to see Lazarus—the man who had been dead
- Everyone wanted to see Jesus—the man who raised him

**The Religious Response:**

- The chief priests (mainly Sadducees) plotted to kill Lazarus
- They didn't believe in resurrection or life after death
- Lazarus's existence contradicted everything they taught
- They wanted to eliminate the evidence

**The Atmosphere on Palm Sunday:**

- Massive crowds gathered for Passover

- The electricity and excitement was overwhelming
- People lined the streets waving palm branches
- They were shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is the King!"
- It was contagious excitement and celebration

**Historical Context:**

- 200 years earlier, Maccabees had delivered Jerusalem from Syrian oppression
  - People rode into the city on horses waving palm branches
  - The people expected Jesus to be their deliverer like Maccabees
  - They thought He was coming to free them politically
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## V. THE HIDDEN SACRIFICE: MARY'S ANOINTING

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**The Story of Mary's Worship:**

- Mary came to Jesus's feet with expensive anointing oil
- She broke the jar and poured the oil on His feet
- She dried His feet with her hair (a woman's glory)
- The fragrance filled the entire house

**The Deeper Meaning:**

- The anointing oil used was for burial preparations
- Mary anointed Jesus for His burial days before it happened
- The fragrance lasted for months
- She put her glory (her hair) at the feet of Jesus

**God's Response:**

- God spoke from heaven saying, "You have my favor"
- Some heard the thunder and understood

- Others heard it but didn't comprehend
- Just like today—God's presence can be ignored

**Judas's Reaction:**

- He complained about the waste (a year's worth of spices)
  - He claimed it could have been sold to help the poor
  - But Judas didn't truly care about the poor
  - He only cared about himself
  - There are people in churches today with the same spirit
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## VI. THE CONTRAST: FROM HOSANNA TO CRUCIFY

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**The Crowd's Rapid Change:**

- Same people shouting "Hosanna!" on Sunday
- Same people crying "Crucify him!" five days later
- This dramatic shift shows a lack of true relationship with Christ
- People follow Jesus only when things go their way

**Why People Turned So Quickly:**

- They didn't have a true relationship with Christ
- They didn't understand His mission
- When He didn't deliver what they expected, they rejected Him
- Their faith was based on what He could do for them, not who He was

**The Reality of Conditional Faith:**

- When we don't get things our way, we're not happy
- We sing praise as long as everything's going our way
- We abandon when circumstances change

- This breaks the King's heart
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## VII. JESUS WEEPS OVER THE CITY

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**Key Scripture:** Luke 19:41-44

- "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and he wept over it"
- The only time in Scripture Jesus cried over a multitude

**Why Jesus Wept:**

- Not because of anger
- Not because of joy
- Because of sadness and heartbreak
- He saw the emptiness in their eyes
- He saw people who didn't understand who He was or why He came

**What Jesus Saw:**

- Masses of people crying out for rescue and salvation
- Their faces showed they wanted deliverance
- But they missed the true opportunity for spiritual transformation
- They didn't know the time of their visitation

**Jesus's Continued Weeping:**

- Jesus still weeps today
  - He weeps when you make the same mistakes over and over
  - He weeps when you don't appreciate what He's done for you
  - He weeps when you're not a good example to your children
  - His heart breaks when you miss what He's trying to do in your life
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## VIII. WHAT IT MEANS TO MAKE THE KING CRY

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### **We Make the King Cry When:**

- We don't realize what He's done for us
- We continually miss what He's trying to do in our lives
- We try to fit in more with the world than with the kingdom of God
- We're not a good example to our sons and daughters
- We don't have a genuine relationship with Him

### **The Heart of the Matter:**

- Jesus doesn't want your anger—He wants your heart
- He wants a relationship with you
- He wants that relationship to shine and be visible
- He wants the aroma of His presence to come out of you

### **The Contrast with Conditional Love:**

- When we only praise Him when things go our way, we break His heart
- When we ignore His presence because it's inconvenient, we grieve Him
- When we don't appreciate His blessings, we hurt Him
- When we turn away because He didn't meet our expectations, we make Him cry

### **Personal Illustration:**

- Like a child who hugs his grandfather and says, "You're a great helper, and I love you"
- That moment of genuine appreciation and love transforms everything
- The grandfather would do anything for that child
- When the child later ignores or rejects him, it breaks his heart
- That's what we do to Jesus when we make the King cry

# IX. THE CALL TO ACTION

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## What We Need:

- His grace today
- His mercy
- His love
- His forgiveness
- His Holy Ghost

## What We Can Become:

- A light in this dark world
- An example to those around us
- A vessel for His work
- A reflection of His love

## The Challenge:

- Are you making the King cry?
- Are you breaking His heart by your hands?
- Will you have a genuine relationship with Jesus?
- Will you let His presence shine through you?
- Will you appreciate and honor what He's done for you?

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## KEY TAKEAWAY:

**When we make the King cry**, it's when we don't realize what He's done for us. Jesus doesn't want our anger—He wants our heart. Our faith shouldn't be based on what He can do for us or whether circumstances go our way. True faith means having a genuine relationship with Him, allowing His presence to shine through us, and appreciating the sacrifice He made. Five days before the cross, people sang "Hosanna," but when He didn't

meet their expectations, they cried "Crucify him." Don't break the King's heart. Honor Him with your life, your choices, and your devotion—not just when things go your way.

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## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

- Luke 19:28-44
- John 12:1-11
- John 19:41
- Psalm 139:7-10
- Genesis 2:7
- 2 Samuel 23:2