

## **Palm Sunday HANDOUT Your King Is Coming! Matthew 21:1-11**

Palm Sunday is the day We Remember the "Triumphal Entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, The Week before His Resurrection. The Prophet Zechariah had prophesied Palm Sunday **READ**, Zechariah 9:9 Luke 19: 28-44

**READ Matthew 21: 1-11 sets the scene of Palm Sunday** As Jesus Rode in on a Donkey, Garments were Spread on the Road & Branches Torn from Trees Fanned the Air as They Shouted "Hosanna Son of David."

- However, that day their expectations would not be realized...Jesus did not come to deliver them from Roman Rule. **Jesus came to Deliver them and all mankind from the Bondage of Sin!**

**We Need to Ask Ourselves...What Kind of King Do I Want?** What Kind of King am I Willing to Follow? In Luke 9:23-24 Jesus Answers these Questions! **This is Not Popular Today!** Too Many So-Called Christians Want to "Wave the Palm Branches on Sunday...*But do their own thing Monday!*"

- **POINT:** *Waving the Palms...Without "Passionately" Daily Living for Christ!*

*God's Word makes clear that we are not to preach the worlds popular "Health and Wealth" message as some are doing today. Instead we are commissioned to preach that the Christian life is one of obedience and sacrificial service to God and others...Focusing on Eternity instead of What this Life can Offer!*

- **Jesus Is Our Example of How We are to Live: Philippians 2: 4-8** This is Not Popular In Today's Culture! *Instead of Sacrifice Many Want to Be Served!*

That Palm Sunday, the Jews wanted to be delivered from the rule of Rome! However, Jesus Wanted His Word to *Pierce Their Hearts* so they would know true freedom and the Joy of Looking Forward to Eternity.

**We Need to Ask Ourselves: What are My Goals? Where are My Eyes Focused? Who Owns My Heart?**

- *God doesn't look at the outward appearance He Looks into our Hearts to See if He is Number One!*

**Read Matthew 6:19-24 This text Gives Us Gods Command as to how to live!** A Good Exercise is to Ask Ourselves>>Where Am I Investing MyTime, Abilities and My Resources?

**Point>>If You are Focused on What this World can Give...Let Me tell You what I have Learned**  
**"Window Shopping is an Exercise in Disappointment!"**

Anything that the World Promises to Make You Happy...Apart From An Intimate Relationship with Jesus Christ is a Lie! *"Only One Life Will Soon Be Past...Only What's Done for Christ will Last!"*

**POINT: Only a Heart Devoted to Making Jeusus First Place In Their Life Will Know True Joy, Peace and Fulfillment!**

This Palm Sunday is No Different than the Day Christ Rode into Jerusalem! The Question is Will You and I be Focused on Waving a Palm Branch Praising God ONLY...When He Does *"What We Want"*...OR, Will We Choose to Follow Christ when it Means that We Stand Firm in the Midst of Trials and Adversities?

**Will We Stand Firm when Jesus Asks Us to Get Out of Our Comfort Zone and Share the Gospel with a Person that is Headed for Hell?**

**Will We Stand Firm when No One is Looking and We are Tempted to Do that which We Know is Wrong and Disobedient?**

**Will We Stand Firm On God's Principles Instead of Doing what "Feels Good or Right"?**

## **Your King is Coming! And His Coming Demands We Respond To This QUESTION>>>IS JESUS THE LORD OF MY LIFE...OR NOT?**

- KEY: He is either Lord Of All...Or HE IS NOT Lord At All!... There is No Neutral Ground!

### **Let Me Conclude by Telling You Two True Stories of Two Men...Bob and Al.**

**Bob has gone to church all of his life.** He thinks of himself as being a very religious man. Bob is in his mid-sixties. He has lived a full life. He Hasn't Let Religion Spoil His Fun.

- In Fact, Although Bob is Religious, *he has No King. He has No Lord.* Well, that's Not Quite True. Bob Does have a King...But His Name Is BOB.
- He goes through the forms of religious practice. He wouldn't miss church on Palm Sunday. Right now, he's probably sitting through the last minutes of some preacher's sermon somewhere.
- You See...Bob's Problem is that Bob has Committed Himself to Himself Instead of to Jesus Christ...Bob is his "Own" Lord.

He Gets Turned Off by Passionate Preaching that Talks About Hell.

- He Wants Soothing Talk about Heaven...*And Having Your Best Life Now!*
- He Hates Preaching that Quotes the Bible...He wants Comforting Talk About How He Can Make His Own Peace and Happiness. *He Wants NO Mention of Sin from the Pulpit...According to him, "That Went Out of Style with the Middle Ages."*

**Then there is Al. Al Was A Cynic. He Had Every Reason to Not Believe.** His Life was Loaded with Doubts. "How in the World Could God Become a Man? How Could An Intelligent Person Trust the Bible?"

But, There was a Difference Between Bob and Al...Whereas Bob ran the other direction every time Jesus began to come his way...**Al Stopped, Took a Good, Long Look, Into Gods Word...Searching for Truth!**

*He let the Truth of God's Word Cut Through the Smoke Screen of His Doubt...He was Willing to Doubt His Doubts. He was Willing to go Back to the Drawing Board and Read some of the Great Writers of the Christian Faith.*

- A scientist by profession, Al was Willing to "Empirically Examine" the Claims of Christ Intellectually. And in the End...He Took Jesus at His Word, and Made Jesus his Lord and Savior.

**The Question I want Each of Us to Honestly Answer this Morning is Which One Am I...Am I Al or Bob? *What Kind of KING are You Following this Morning?***

Are You Going to Church without Jesus being the King and Lord of Your Life? Perhaps...Believing that Going to Church Will make God Happy with You...And You have No need to Live Your Life with the Purpose of serving Jesus Christ?

- Or...Have You considered Jesus' words when He said, *If You Love Me You Will Keep My Commandments!*
- Or...*Pick Up Your Cross, Deny Yourself and Follow Me!* OR...*Go into All Nations and Make Disciples until I return!*

One Day Very Soon, The Church Will Be Taken (Raptured) To Be With Jesus...In the Twinkling of the Eye...We Will Meet The Lord Jesus In the Air...

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 *Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and Safety," Destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But You, Brothers and Sisters, are Not in Darkness So that This Day Should Surprise You Like A Thief.*

**"LIFE" POINT: GET READY...THE KING IS COMING SOON!**