



Why a Palm Tree?

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LUKE 19:28-44

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

LUKE 19:28-44

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They replied, "The Lord needs it." **35** They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

LUKE 19:28-44

36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.**37** When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

LUKE 19:28-44

38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”**40** “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”**41** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

LUKE 19:28-44

⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

LUKE 19:28-44

44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

JOHN 12:12-19

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

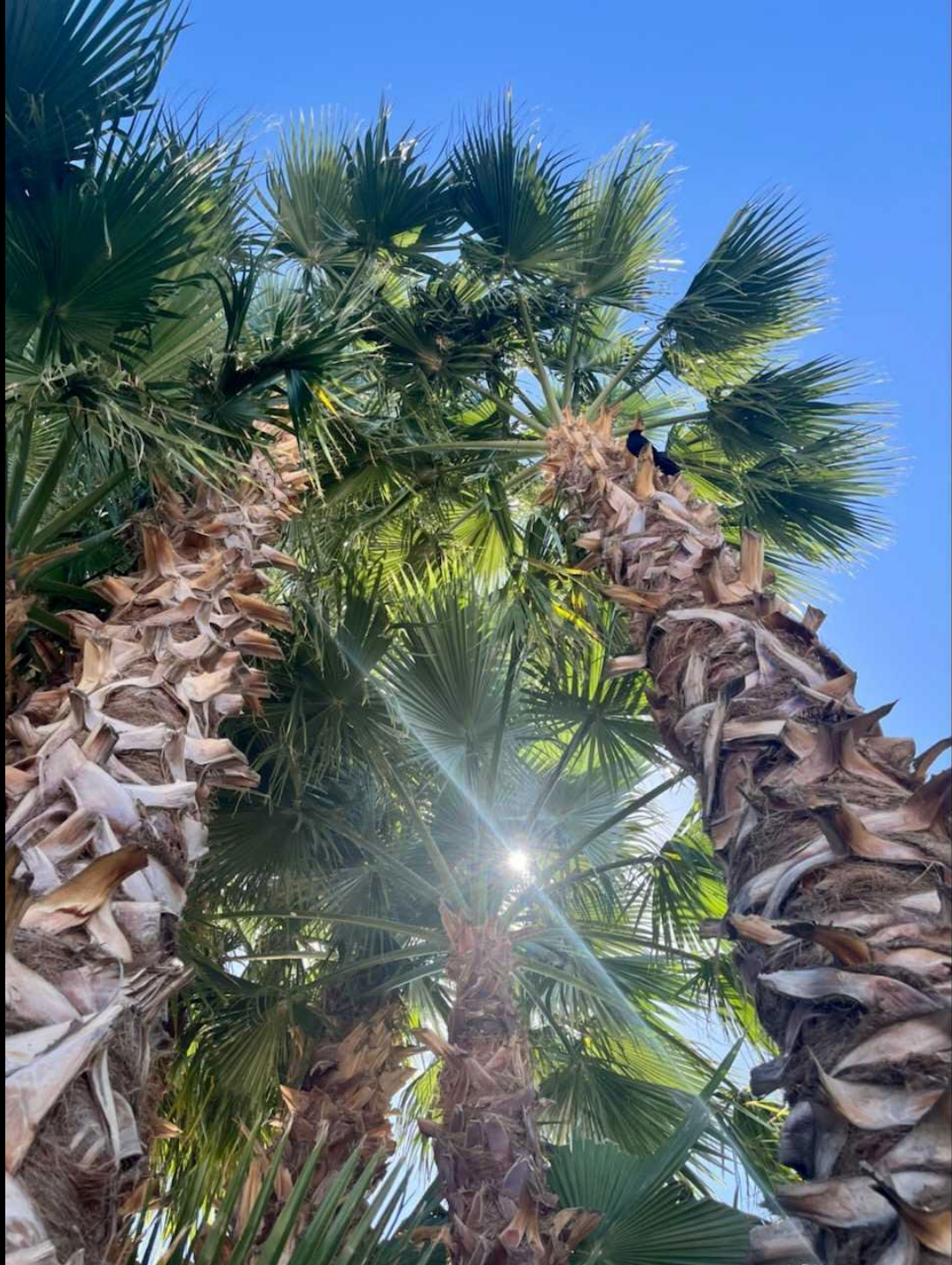
JOHN 12:12-19

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.” ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

JOHN 12:12-19

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"









REVELATION 7:9-10

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

PSALM 92:12-15

¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of
Lebanon;¹³ planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our
God.¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,¹⁵ proclaiming,
“The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and
there is no wickedness in him.”



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ROMANS 6:1-2

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer

ROMANS 6:6

6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

ROMANS 6:11-14

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **¹²** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

ROMANS 6:11-14

13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

ROMANS 6:11-14

14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

DEFINITION

Sanctify: *to set apart or declare holy.*
Consecrate synonym

ROMANS 8:37

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

ISAIAH 54:17

17 ...no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD

**PALM TREES WILL USUALLY
SURVIVE STORMS**



**PALM TREES FLOURISH IN
DIFFICULT PLACES**

JOHN 15:15-17

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:15-17

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **17** This is my command: Love each other.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

**WHEN PALM TREES GATHER
THEY CREATE A HAVEN**

HEBREWS 10:25

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

QUOTE

Rivers Don't drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. Even when life is difficult, life itself is much better when others are happy because of you. - unknown

**THE OLDER A PALM TREE GETS
THE SWEETER IT'S FRUIT IS**

Remember when trials come they
conform us to the image of Christ!

ROMANS 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**PALM TREES CANNOT BE
GRAFTED**

Palm trees are not good for burning
because they are evergreens

JOHN 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:36

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

LIKE A PALM TREE

- We can survive storms
- We can flourish in difficult places
- We can create safe havens for others when we are united
- We can produce sweeter fruit as we mature
- We are guaranteed everlasting life

JOHN 12:13

13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”