

Palm Sunday

I. Introduction.

- A. Who can tell us what Palm Sunday celebrates?

- B. What are some things you remember about Palm Sunday?

- C. What do you think you would have done if you were in Jerusalem when Jesus rode in on a young unriden donkey?

II. Scripture.

- A. **Mat. 21:1-11**—"1-*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, 2-Saying unto them, 'Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. 3-And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.'Zec. 9:9], saying, 5-'Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.'"*

1. Why do you think the King came so meekly in His 1st Coming?

2. Who was Jesus recognized to be, though meekly entering Jerusalem?

- B. **Mark 11:1-10**—"1-*And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, He sendeth*

forth two of his disciples, 2-And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. 3-And if any man say unto you, 'Why do ye this?' say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. 4-And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. 5-And certain of them that stood there said unto them, 'What do ye, loosing the colt?' 6-And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. 7-And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and He sat upon him. 8-And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. 9-And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, 'Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10-Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.'"

1. When the disciples obeyed and brought Jesus the borrowed unriden baby donkey, what else did they do?
2. Besides waving palm branches, what else did the people do when they saw Jesus?

C. ***Luke 19:28-42***—"28-And when He had thus spoken, He went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. 29-And it came to pass, when He was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 30-Saying, 'Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. 31-And if any man ask you, 'Why do ye loose him?' thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.' 32-And they that were sent went their way, and found even as He had said unto them. 33-And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, 'Why loose ye the colt?' 34-And they said, 'The Lord hath need of him.' 35-And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. 36-And as He went, they spread their clothes in the way. 37-And when He was come nigh, even now at 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 that

they had seen; 38-Saying, 'Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.' 39-*And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, 'Master, rebuke Thy disciples.'* 40-*And He answered and said unto them, 'I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.'* 41-*And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it,* 42-*Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."*

1. What were the Disciples' reactions to Christ's entry into the capital of Israel?
2. What was the Pharisees reaction to Christ's Triumphal entry?
3. What was Jesus' reaction to the Pharisees demand?
4. What was Jesus' reaction to Israel's reaction?

D. **John 12:12-19**—"12-*On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,* 13-*Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried, 'Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.'* 14-*And Jesus, when He had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,* 15-*Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.* 16-*These things understood not His disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things unto Him.* 17-*The people [crowd] therefore that was with Him when He called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.* 18-*For this cause the people also met Him, for that they heard that He had done this miracle.* 19-*The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, 'Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after Him."*

1. What incredible miracle caused many people to come praise Jesus?
2. Rather than believing Jesus, what made the Pharisees the angriest?

3. Did His disciples understand the meaning of Jesus' Triumphal Entry or was it not until later they remembered God's prophecies (**12:16**)?

III. Application.

- A. What will you do today on Palm Sunday?

- B. How did Israel (in less than a week), go from praise Him, to "**Crucify Him**" (**Mark 15:13; Luke 23:21; John 19:15**)?

- C. What questions do you have about Christ's Triumphal Entry?

- D. Jesus road into Jerusalem fulfilling OT prophecy making public His claim to be Israel's Messiah, Savior, and King. It sounded like the disciples and the crowds initially embraced Him. What happened?