

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

Your King is coming

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.



Matthew 21:1-11

The Triumphal Entry

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them.

8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

10 And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

(Read also: Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-38, John 12:12-15)

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Psalm 118:26

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple,
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

A Closer Look: Palm Sunday

1. Jesus told the disciples to go to the village. There they would find a colt and donkey for Him to use. What did He tell the disciples to do? *(He told them to untie them and bring them to Him.)*
2. How did Jesus know the owner would lend the animals to Jesus? *(He knew the prophecy of the Old Testament. He is the Son of God. He knows all things.)*
3. What were the disciples to say to the owner? *(The Lord needs them.)*
4. What did the people do to honor Jesus when He rode into Jerusalem? *(They spread their cloaks and palm branches onto the road in front of Him.)*
5. What did the people shout? *(Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!)*
6. Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King of the universe. Why did Jesus ride a donkey and not a horse? *(Jesus is the Prince of Peace not war. In Jesus' day, a donkey was thought of as a humble, burden bearer, a reminder of peace.)*
7. What does this say about our life as Christians? *(We will want to follow Christ's example, willing to humbly bear each others burdens. We will want to willingly serve out of love for God.)*
8. What burden did Jesus bear for us? *(He carried the weight of our sin when He died on the cross for us.)*
9. What can you do to honor King Jesus? *(Praise Him with our songs, our prayers, and our life. Tell others of His great love for them.)*