

# EASTER

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**"Who Is This Man?"**

Matthew 21:1-11

## The First Palm Sunday

**Matthew 21:1** 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, 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."

## Jesus, The Faithful King, Fulfills God's Purposes

**Matthew 21:4** 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, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

**Zechariah 9:9** 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.

## Jesus, The Humble King, Brings God's salvation to His People.

**Matthew 21:7** 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!"

## Jesus, The Long Awaited Prophet, Proclaims God's Kingdom

**Matthew 21:10** *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."*

**Deuteronomy 18:18** *I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ... 34:10 And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, 11 none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do...*

## The Future of "Palm Sunday"

**Revelation 7:9** *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*

## Reflect, Discuss, Apply

- 1) How would you answer if someone asked you, "Who is this man?" How does Jesus's identity shape your identity?
- 2) The crowd spread their cloaks and palm branches to signify the goodness and triumph of Jesus. How can we signify our allegiance to Jesus as Lord and Savior in our lives? What are our "palm branches"?
- 3) As you read Revelation 7:9-12 what stands out in contrast with the first "Palm Sunday"? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you to live in active hope of this coming day.

### SONGS

"Shout Hosanna"  
"King of Kings"  
"Living Hope"  
"Reign Above It All"

### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$22,515.82  
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
YTD Giving: \$344,898.07  
YTD General Need: \$421,542  
Altamont Expansion Fund (3/20): \$141,717.98

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