

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

THE FIRST COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
TO HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE AND HIS CHOSEN PLACE.

The Gospel of Mark 11:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Suddenly

THE PASSION WEEK OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH.
FROM HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY AS KING OF KINGS TO HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH
UPON THE CROSS TO HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION AS LORD OF LORDS.

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Welcome Everyone, I'm Happy To Remind You That Today Marks Our 32nd Year

As a church celebrating this – the first day of
Passion Week which is known as or called Palm Sunday!

The Importance of this Sunday in History

The Name "Palm Sunday" gets its meaning from the Bible...

Leviticus 23:39b-40

"When you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest. 40 And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees and the branches of palm trees, the limbs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; *and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.*

John 12:12-13

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him and cried out: "*Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!*"

Eyewitnesses Accounts of That Day Abound.

It's an event recorded in the *Annals of the Empire*, one of the record books of the Romans. We know that **Flavius Josephus** the noted historian accounted for this day. We know the Roman Toll on travelers entering the tribal region of

Benjamin (Jerusalem) places the numbers between 2.3 and 2.5 million people.

But of course – the most enduring and accurate accounting is found in the Bible and by all four Gospel writers.

It's Found In The Reading of All 4 Gospels

Matthew 21:1-10 // Mark 11:1-11 // Luke 19:28-44 // John 12:12-19

There is no doubt that the Gospel is being presented in a Quadraphonic sound, a Surround Sound of Truth - - "All Around You"

Mark 11:1-11

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples; 2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. 3 And if anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord ^(the Father) has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." 4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

It's a remarkable day – a powerful moment for many reasons. This first Sunday of the week – that didn't change the course of history - - but rather it was a week that had an appointment with human history – because it had already been written down in God's prophetic plan.

Throughout Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John you will read...

"All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying"

Matthew 21:4-5

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "
= (answering Zechariah 9:9)

Matthew 13:35

This that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.” = *(answering Isaiah 6:9)*

Matthew 27:35b

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” = *(answering Psalm 22)*

John 19:36-37

For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” **37** And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.” = *(answering Zechariah 12:10)*

Suddenly

1.) Suddenly Life Is Interrupted

Suddenly – Life Is Interrupted

1a.) So be prepared for the disruptions of life.

vs.1-3

Verse 1-3

Mark 11:1-3

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Donkeys and Mules held a key role in Old Testament Israel.

In fact, so much so that the Bible tells us that in 1 Kings 1:33–44 for Solomon to receive the throne of his father, he would be placed upon his father’s donkey on the day of his coronation. In 2 Samuel 13 we’re told that all of David’s sons rode donkeys which set them apart / distinguished them from all others.

Suddenly those who had mocked him and ridiculed him now
saw him as the scriptures foretold = *as a threat*.
(But here's the question - to what effect did it have on them?)

Suddenly those things that they - knew to be true
had suddenly appeared right before their very eyes.
(But here's the question - to what effect did it have on them?)

Suddenly – God Is Interrupting

1a.) So be ready for the break-ins of life. vs. 4-5

Verse 4-5

4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?"

The miraculous plan of God is at work right now in your life and in our world. We may not recognize it - but God is moving in the earth.
(The danger of losing sight of the trees because of the forest)

Suddenly – Life Is Interrupted

1c.) So be aware of the uncertainty of life. vs. 6

Verse 6

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

When God, from a position of knowing all things issues His commands,
He does so out of a heart of perfect love for you.

Little did the disciples know that Jesus was bringing
about the ultimate certainty in the most wonderful assurance -

Suddenly

2.) Suddenly Life Will Demand A Decision. vs.7-10

2a.) So watch out for the mob rule? vs. 7-9a

Verse 7-9a

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9a Then those who went before and those who followed cried out,

Those **Ahead** of Jesus / Those **Following** Jesus **CRIED OUT**
The Voice of The Mob – Is it Biblical? – Never!

What is so very different about this Day in History is...
Suddenly, “Jesus’ Time Had Come”

John 6:14-15

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, *“This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”* 15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

John 7:40-46

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, *“Truly this is the Prophet.”* 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” 43 So there was a division among the people because of Him. 44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. 45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, *“Why have you not brought Him?”* 46 But the officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”

John 10:31-33

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

Suddenly – We’re Faced With A Decision

2b.) So watch out for the opinions of others?

vs. 9b-10

Verse 9b-10

9b saying: (1) “Hosanna! (2) ‘Blessed is He who comes (3) in the name of (4) the LORD!’ 10 (5) Blessed is the kingdom of (6) our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! (7) Hosanna in the highest!”

Luke 19:37-38

Then, as He was now drawing near 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 they had seen, 38 saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Might I remind you that these are the Jewish people.

Matthew 21:4-5

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

Matthew, a Jew, an Eyewitness and Student of the Law
and Moses – goes to where every Jew goes to...

Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

This "Hosanna" is the Hebrew word "SALVATION NOW"

Psalms 118:25

Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity (or good success).

Matthew 21:10

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

moved

grk: seio:

to shake what is below, to be thrown into a tremor, to be shaken to the core or foundation. Used here as a metaphor to mean agitation of the mind, to cause great emotional distress.

(i.e., of thought, of belief, to shake-test to see what is actually there)

Suddenly

3.) Suddenly Life Will Happen To You.

vs. 11

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Suddenly – Life Happens To You

3a.) So reflect upon the “God moments” of your life.

Verse 11a

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple.

Luke 19:38-40

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!” Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” :39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” :40 But Jesus answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Luke 19:41-44

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Malachi 3:1b

And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

According to biblical prophecy this event has a two phased fulfillment of what is known as “The LORD’S visitation or presence or appearing or coming – as determined by the surrounding context.

These two parts fulfilled will make up His complete fulfillment to Israel.

Palm Sunday is part (1) when He appeared to the nation of Israel on this day in history. Part (2) will happen when He returns to the nation of Israel and to Jerusalem to rule and reign on this earth.

Suddenly – Life Happens To You

3b.) So ponder the “God offer” for your life.

Verse 11b

So when He had looked around at all things,

So WHEN HE LOOKED AROUND at all things!

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Suddenly – Life Happens To You

3c.) So know what is about to happen next.

Verse 11c

as the hour was already late,
He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

“The hour was, is already late.”

End of Study

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