

The Message Notes

Series: The Last Days of Christ

Message: *Palm Sunday*

TEXT: John 12:12-15



John 12:12. The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13.** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” **14.** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, **15.** “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” (ESV)

TALK:

Our **objective** at the **WORD** is to **explain** the Scriptures, so we can **know** God and **make** God **known**.

This week, we will **observe Holy Week** (set apart). **Holy Week** is the most **sacred** week of our **Christian** observances, because it’s the **last days** of Christ’s life.

Ponder: Are you **EXCITED** about participating in our Holy Week observances?

“The **repetition** of observing Christian **rituals** can make us become **dull of hearing** and **ungrateful** of the **mercies** and **favors** of God.”

Matthew 15:8. “These people **honor** me with their **lips**, but their **hearts** are **far** from me.” (NLT)

Points: Palm Sunday – Triumphant Entry of Christ

1. We need _____ – “*What did Jesus come to do?*”
 - a) Palm branches – military victory
 - b) Hosanna – save now – return our land to us
 - c) Young donkey – peace comes through politics
 - ✓ Large crowd – persuasion/influence
 - ✓ Wrong interpretation – “save now”
 - ✓ Peace, politics, and power

Reference: Luke 23:20-24

What Jesus said in His own words:

Luke 9:22. “The Son of Man must **suffer** many terrible things,” he said. “He will be **rejected** by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be **killed**, but on the **third day** he will be **raised** from the dead.” (NLT)

Matthew 20:28. “For even the Son of Man came **not to be served but to serve others** and to give his life as a **ransom** for many.” (NLT)

John 10:10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life** (spiritual) and have it **abundantly**. (ESV)

“We have been given a **spiritual** lifestyle which causes **intermittent heavenly** blessings upon our lives and **interruptions** by the devil to **disrupt** those blessings.” PK

2. We need _____ – *Solving the world's sin problem*

- a) Palm branches – our victory in Christ
- b) Hosanna – save now – from sin and a fallen world
- c) Young donkey – our Savior and coming King

Mark 16:15. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (ESV)

2 Corinthians 5:19. For God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world to himself, no longer counting people's **sins** against them. And he gave us this wonderful **message** of reconciliation. (NLT)

3. We need sincere _____ – *Worship in spirit and truth*

John 4:23. But the time is coming-indeed it's here now-when true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit** and in **truth**. The Father is **looking** for those who will worship him that way. **24.** God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in **spirit** (inspired) and in **truth** (informed). (NLT)

- **Motivated church** – what is in it for Me
- **Inspired church** – what is in it for Christ

Jesus final week of activities:

- **Cleansing** the temple (set apart) – Mark 11:15-17
- **Washing** feet (humility) – John 13:1-17
- **Forgiving** sin (love) – Matthew 26:26-28
- **Praying** in the Garden (submission) – Matthew 26:36-46

Takeaway: Palm Sunday reminds us we need:

1. Proper discernment of what Jesus came to
2. Spiritual deliverance from sin
3. Sincere devotion unto God