**Palm Sunday 2024 (sjm 3-24-2024)**

**Palm Sunday is recorded in: Matt 21, Mark 11, Luke 19 & John 12 “Triumphant return of Jesus” to Jerusalem**

**Matt 21:7-9** Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest”

***In both Hebrew & the equivalent Greek, hosanna*** *means* ***“help us” or “save us****.” The people waving leafy branches are calling for Jesus to deliver them. They want salvation from Roman oppression, from physical ailments, from the unbalanced legal system of the time. A few received the true message of meaning deliver us from sin/guilt)..and deliver us into your glory!*

**Background: In the 4 gospels Jesus manifesting himself to the People** (showing forth the & glory of God) *Jesus performed many miracles: turned water into wine, multiplied loaves & fishes, stopped the wind & storms, withered the fig tree, being translated in the midst of them, walking on the water, conveying the boat to the other side, raising a man from the dead, casting out devils with just his word & repeatedly healing all manner of sickness & injuries:*

***All during persecution from those that didn’t understand the light!***

**Backdrop: John 11** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead

 **\*45 Pharisees:** If we let him alone, all men will follow him

 **53**  From then on they took council to put him to death **55** Chief priests & Pharisees gave commandment to report him for arrest. {Pharisees & chief priests would expel you from the Temple & pretty much try to destroy your way of life}

 **54 So REAL that: ”**then Jesus walked no more openly amongst the Jews”

 **John 11:16** Thomas brought reality to this:Let us go also that we may die *(Bethany to Jerusalem 2 miles)*

**This was a special day unlike none other:** *(there will be another day like this – 2nd Coming of Jesus)*

 1) Jesus is now fulfilling his calling & demonstrating his triumph’s over evil

 2) Finally: Followers of Jesus (Jews/Gentiles) openly & unashamedly exalted Jesus:

* They sat him on the Donkey, that they had placed Garments: *(horse represents war,* ***donkey peace****)*
* Laying clothes down represented **(*homage and submission)***
* Then the progression started towards the Mount of Olives ***Zechariah 14:4*** *describes the Mount of Olives (Mnt range in East Jerusalem) as the exact place where the Messiah would return This is where the Olivet discourse was given & where Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane)*
* They laid palm branches on the path ***(meant goodness & victory)*** reserved for only the most prominent
* Started shouting Blessed be the Kingdom of our Father David, “Hosanna in the highest” ***(save us)***

**Scene that Day**

* Followers wanted him to overthrow Roman dominance & bring independence **(Ps 118:25-26)**
* Finally: They didn’t care who was looking or whether their voices were in harmony. Right in front of Pharisees in their most powerful place ,
	+ I see a picture of the Pharisees writing down names until they got overwhelmed by the multitude
* Didn’t care the cost of the garments, maybe some un-replaceable as they laid them on the muddy ground they called a path
* Symbolic of “Here you go Jesus, I am all in”, ***(regardless of the cost)***
* They were honoring him the best way they knew how ***(most didn’t have money, golf or silver)***
	+ This was one of the most visible displays of honor and praise to Gold written in the bible (cried, with load voice) ***Zech 9:9 NIV*** *to raise a battle cry; sound a trumpet blast; shout in triumph or exaltation:– shout*
	+ God had waited a long time for his son to be openly praised and exalted!
* Demonic world and Natural world had no power over Jesus
	+ **John 10:18** Jesus I have power to lay it down & take up his life again
* Pharisees finally said, rebuke thy disciples, (Jesus - if they should hold their peace the stones would cry out)
	+ **GOD IS GONG TO RECEIVE PRAISE AND WORSHIP ONE WAY OR ANOTHER**
* Who so ever denies me I will deny before my Father *(they cleared this up today)* **REV 7:9**

**Fast forward to Today**

1. **Jesus said –** when I return will I find Faith on the earth?
2. **Ps 100 states:** “Enter his gates with thanksgiving & courts with praise”
3. **Thomas** you believe cause you saw, but blessed are they that do not see yet believe) ***(trust & faith)***

 **Blessed =** Receiving God’s favor, being fortunate, being in a good position

1. **Thomas Response (**very prophetic) “My Lord & My God”

 ***MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD (fewer make him the Lord of there lives!***

\***Rom 14:9** For this end Christ both died & rose & revived, that he might be “**Lord”** both of the dead & living.

 **LORD** 2962 (koo'‑ree‑os); **Note 1) Supreme in authority, i.e. Controller; Owner, Master, Sir, Manager:**

* + - **God is a jealous God, can’t have other Gods before him**
		- **Matt 6:24** No one can serve two masters, for he will hate the one & love the other, or else he will hold to the one & despise the other. ***Ye cannot serve God and Mammon***.

 **Someone is in charge? Is he in charge or did you merely add him to your package?**

**Key The Lord = the one in complete control or ownership *(today we voluntarily submit & he bought you)***

* **Doctor/surgeon –** follow his advice precisely for the desired results
* **Rx** – take exactly as prescribed (or side effects) up an to including death
* **Therapy –** follow precisely to get desired benefits
* **Money manager –** follow their advice exactly
* **Trainer –** follow steps exactly as prescribed to improve (don’t have to understand – just do it)

I have had “long time Christians” come up to me after service and say I know it’s in the bible but I am not sure I’m in agreement with that ***(people & churches are allowing many things that are not biblical)***

* Many times we put our ***own*** twist on it (change up the instructions*) [take this scripture but leave this one]*
* Sometimes we rationalize – God did not really mean it that way ***(customs has changed)***
* Or let’s see if I can help out God with the Plan ***(We know more about this specific situation than God)***

**Question of the Day – Can you not only call on his name but make his Lord of your life?**

**Lord – Kyrios: Curios -** This can be a title of address to a person of higher status, “lord, sir”; a master of property from servants. **NT translation of the Hebrew 151 “Lord” that is “Yahweh,**  The proper name of God in the OT:– **Lord** (605), **master** (33), **sir** (22), **Master** (9), **owner** (10), **majesty** (1),

**Summary:**

1. **They made effort to come out to see Jesus** *(crowds came out)*
2. **They came to openly worship him as a King** *(didn’t fear retribution) (gave true exaltation)*

 ***(Hosanna – help us/save us or deliver us)*** *This cry remains the same*

1. **They bestowed upon him the best they had** *(clothing objects) represented homage & submission!*

**Joshua 24:15** …As for me & my house we will serve the Lord

 **Serve:** To work, serve, to labor, to work for another, serve another by labor

 **–** to be subject to, worship, serve, labor, work in the ministry

**Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:** ‛âbad

1) to work, serve, to labour, work, do work, to work for another, serve another by labour

1a4) to serve (God) be tilled (of land) 1d1) to compel to labour or work, cause to labour, cause to serve

to be led or enticed to serve

* + After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing **white robes** and were holding palm branches in their hands. ([Revelation](https://www.thoughtco.com/book-of-revelation-701050) 7:9, NIV)

**Matt 8:2** And behold there came unto him a leper & worshipped him (maybe knelt), saying **LORD** if thou wilt thou can make me clean

**Matt 8:5** And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a Centurion, beseeching him. (in front of everyone)

 **6** And saying **LORD**, my servant lieth home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented

**John 4:11 &** the Woman said unto him, **SIR**, thou hast nothing to draw with & the well is deep, from whence hast thou that living water?

**Matt 8:25** And his disciples came unto him and awake him and said **LORD** say us we perish

**Luke 5:8** When Simon Peter saw it He fell down at Jesus’s knees saying depart from me for I am a sinful man o **LORD**

**Matt 15:27** And she said truth **LORD**, yet the dogs eat from the crumbs which fall from their **masters** table.

**John 6:67** Then he said unto the twelve, will ye also go away?

 **68** Then Simon Peter answered him, **LORD,** where shall we go

**John 20:16** Jesus said unto her Mary, She turned herself & said **RABBONI, which is to say Master**

**John 3:22** The Nicodemas came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, **Rabbi**, An official title or honor “**MY MASTER**”

 we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**Matt 23:7** And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, **Rabbi, Rabbi.**

 **8** But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your **Master, even Christ;** and all ye are brethren.

**Matt 9:27** And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.Son of David] This was the same as if they had called him **Messiah or Lord**

**And you want to know where the victory is in your life, the breakthrough, the power, the healing, the deliverance, the promises of God or the anointing that breaks the yoke of bondage = make him Lord**

**I dare say this comes from Following Jesus and making him the unequivocal Lord of your life:**

 **We don’t just add Jesus to our lives we give up our old life and take on the full life of God.**

* **No lone having looked back is fit for the kingdom of God.**

**Examples**

1. **We don’t make the plans and ask God to bless, he gives us the plans & by nature are blessed**
2. **he tells us where and when don’t always need to know why?**
3. **Seek God and his direction** Prov 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thy heart & lean not on thy own understanding
4. **Come in the same spirit and environment that Jesus came (meek or submissive or pliable)**
	1. **Pliable = flexible, adaptable and willing to change: (willing to follow God’s will, Not our own)**

 **I believe this is exactly what Jesus is looking for when we call him Lord: (flexible, pliable & willing to change)**

**2 thousand years ago they came running to Jesus Today – he is running to you! Will you grab ahold of him!**

**Jersulam 40k swelled to over 250k**

**Hosana means save now Ps 118:25-26 Overthorugh Roman domance and bring independence SAVE FROM WHAT?**

**Plam branches – meant goodness and victory (customary to lay down for those of the highest prominence)**

**At the endof the bible we will wave branches again to praise and honor Christ**

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**Coats – an act of homage and submission**

**Then begin the journey to the cross**

Day 1 Triampuent entry into Jersulam

Day 2 Jesus clears the Temple

Day 3 Mount of Olives (taught)

Da4 4 Silent Wed

Day 5 Passover

Day 6 Good Friday

Day 7 I the Tomb

Day 8 Resurrection

Key to Focus - Going around doing many things but not the right things:

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass when the time was come that he should be recie ved up he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem

**52 And set messenger before his face and they went and engtered into village of the Samaritans to make ready for him**

**53 and they did not received him because his face was as though he would go to Jursalem**

**Journey could have bees accomplished in 2-3 days took 5 months**

**Now all 4 gospels label palm Sunday (Triumphant Return)**

* **Asked disciples to go & get him a donkey (master has use of it)**
* **Great multitudes came to meet him (there was a great reverence & honor for Jesus and some self-seeking)**
* **Your king cometh unto you, Meek and sitting upon a colt (Came in meekness (not with horses or machete’s or a militia)**
	+ **Its not by might nor by Power but by my Spirit says the Lord**
* **They put garments on the donkey & they sat him on it, spread garments in the path way and cut down palms to spread**
	+ **These garments were what they had (no credit cards, CD’s no gold) represented their wealth**
* **They begin to praise God (Iwith a load voice (cried out) for his might works “Blessed be the Kingdom of our Father David, hosanna in the highest”**
* **John 12:19 the whole world is gone after him**

MASTER, SIR.2. naukleros ^3490^, "a ship owner" (naus, "a ship," kleros, "a lot"), "a shipmaster," occurs in <Acts 27:11>, "(the) owner of the ship."#

**LORD, LORDSHIP VINES** 1. kurios ^2962^, properly an adjective, signifying "having power" (kuros) or "authority," is used as a noun, variously translated in the NT, "`Lord,' `master,' `Master,' `owner,' `Sir,' a title of wide significance, occurring in each book of the NT save Titus and the Epistles of John. It is used (a) of an owner, as in <Luke 19:33>, cf. <Matt. 20:8; Acts 16:16; Gal. 4:1>; or of one who has the disposal of anything, as the Sabbath, <Matt. 12:8>; (b) of a master, i. e., one to whom service is due on any ground, <Matt. 6:24; 24:50; Eph. 6:5>; (c) of an Emperor or King, <Acts 25:26; Rev. 17:14>; (d) of idols, ironically, <1 Cor. 8:5>, cf. <Isa. 26:13>; (e) as a title of respect addressed to a father, <Matt. 21:30>, a husband, <1 Pet. 3:6>, a master, <Matt. 13:27; Luke 13:8>, a ruler, <Matt. 27:63>, an angel, <Acts 10:4; Rev. 7:14>; (f) as a title of courtesy addressed to a stranger, <John 12:21; 20:15; Acts 16:30>; from the outset of His ministry this was a common form of address to the Lord Jesus, alike by the people, <Matt. 8:2; John 4:11>, and by His disciples, <Matt. 8:25; Luke 5:8; John 6:68>; (g) kurios is the Sept. and NT representative of Heb. Jehovah (`LORD' in Eng. versions), see <Matt. 4:7; Jas. 5:11>, e. g., of adon, Lord, <Matt. 22:44>, and of Adonay, Lord, <1:22>; it also occurs for Elohim, God, <1 Pet.

**RABBONI**  rabbounei or rabboni ^4462^, formed in a similar way to the above, was an Aramaic form of a title almost entirely applied to the president of the Sanhedrin, if such was a descendant of Hillel. It was even more respectful than Rabbi, and signified "My great master"; in its use in the NT the pronominal force of the suffix is apparently retained (contrast Rabbi above); it is found in <Mark 10:51> in the best texts, RV, "Rabboni" (KJV, "Lord"), addressed to Christ by blind Bartimaeus, and in <John 20:16> by Mary Magdalene, where it is interpreted by didaskalos, "Master" (marg., "Teacher").#

**MASTER** 2. kurios ^2962^, "a lord, one who exercises power," is translated "masters" in <Matt. 6:24; 15:27; Mark 13:35; Luke 16:13; Acts 16:16,19; Rom. 14:4>, KJV (RV, "lord"); <Eph. 6:5,9> (twice), the 2nd time of Christ; so in <Col. 3:22; 4:1>. See LORD.

3. despotes ^1203^, one who has "absolute ownership and uncontrolled power," is translated "masters" in <1 Tim. 6:1,2; Titus 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:18>; of Christ, <2 Tim. 2:21; 2 Pet. 2:1>, RV (for KJV, Lord); in <Jude 4>, RV, it is applied to Christ "(our only) Master (and Lord, Jesus Christ)," KJV "(the only) Lord (God)"; in <Rev. 6:10>, RV, in an address to God, "O Master" (KJV, "O Lord"). It iS rendered "Lord" in <Luke 2:29> and <Acts 4:24>. See LORD.#

MASTER In the following the RV has "Rabbi" for KJV "Master"; <Matt. 26:25,49; Mark 9:5; 11:21; 14:45; John 4:31; 9:2; 11:8>. In other passages the KJV has "Rabbi," <Matt 23:7‑8; John 1:38, 49; 3:2,26; 6:25>.#