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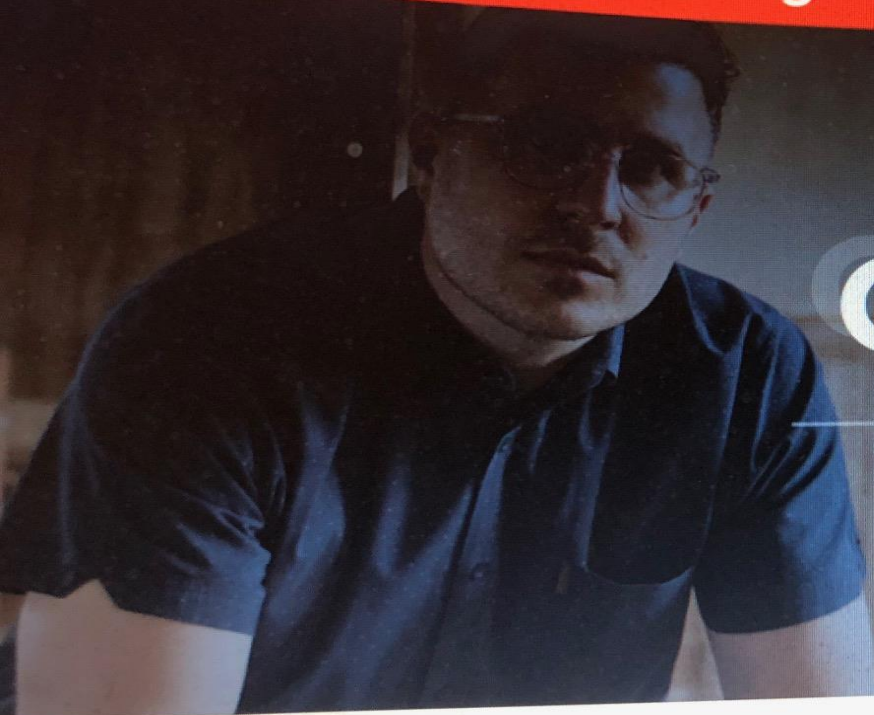
## The Palm Sunday Path

Matthew 21



- ❖ Issues, News and Observations:
- ❖ Special Easter Service on 12<sup>th</sup> of April.
  - ❖ Drive Up Communion elements on Easter Sunday
  - ❖ Easter Eggs for the Children
  - ❖ Family Guided Easter Devotion Kit
- ❖ Right Now Media
  - ❖ Over Coming Anxiety caused by COVID-19





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# *What Palm Sunday ISN'T*

❖ *Watch Video*



# *Palm Sunday Secrets*

- ❖ Secret of the *Palm Leaf*
- ❖ Method to the *Ride*
- ❖ *Entry* to *Shouts* / *Exit* to *Shouts*
- ❖ Identify in Scripture the *Path* and *Means of the Triumphant Entry* into Jerusalem.



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❖ Secret of the  
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# *We Celebrate – Jesus Wept*

- ❖ There were others, who heard and came running...“Who is this? What is all the noise?”
- ❖ The *palm branches were broken off* the trees and scattered about.
- ❖ Clothes were cast in the road to pave the way. It was excitement and a wonderful time.

# *The Palm Plan of Bowing*

- ❖ The same people on this day Praised Him. But then a few days later, they Cursed Him yelling Crucify Him.
- ❖ When you see how *the palm must go from vertical to horizontal*, it is the image of bowing before the one to whom it serves.
- ❖ The very people who fanned where the ones who condemned.

# *We Celebrate – Jesus Wept*

- ❖ But we learn that *Jesus, though he rode through, realized that these folks were totally lost.*
- ❖ The bible says that Jesus wept for the city and people. Jesus knew what was to come.

# *Palm Sunday*

## *Digression*

- ❖ Unfulfilled Expectations
- ❖ Irrational Thought
- ❖ Anger
- ❖ Hatred
- ❖ Spirit of Murder





# *Palm Sunday Secrets*

❖ Method to the *Ride*

## Genesis 22:3

❖ Christ's *journey on a donkey* harkened back to the foreshadowing of a father sacrificing his own only son.

Isaac, a type of Christ, *rides a donkey to be slain by his father Abraham on the altar.*



## Zech. 9:9-10

❖ *Prophecy spoken, “ 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.*



## *Prophecy fulfilled: Matthew 21:1-11*

- ❖ Jesus demonstrated that he was the burden-bearer who came to save us.
- ❖ Baby Jesus was born in humility.
- ❖ Remember, *a donkey carried a poor, pregnant mother named Mary* all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem.





## 1 Kings 1:33-34 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> And the king said to them, “Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. <sup>34</sup> And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, ‘Long live King Solomon!’



# *We Celebrate – Jesus Wept*

- ❖ As we celebrate Palm Sunday, *we see Jesus riding on a lowly donkey.* Why a donkey and not a stallion?
- ❖ When a king was going to war, he would ride through the city on a tall white stallion. Showing strength and power.
- ❖ When the King would return, *if in victory,* the King would *come through the city streets upon a lowly horse.*

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# *Palm Sunday Secrets*

❖ *Entry to Shouts*  
*/ Exit to Shouts*

# Hosanna – Reserved

- ❖ There were those in front of...and behind Jesus, shouting Hosannas and praises.
- ❖ Originally an appeal for deliverance, served as an expression of joy and praise for deliverance granted or anticipated.
- ❖ IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED AS HE PASSED!



❖ The word Christians use today is the Greeks' creation.  
Pronunciation: *hoshiya na*, meaning "Save, please!"

❖ Another reference: "Please, I beg you to save us!"

❖ The term hosanna evolved from a:

❖ cry for help to a...

❖ ...shout of praise for Delivery!





# *Palm Sunday Secrets*

We Celebrate – *Jesus Wept*

## *Saw Christ as an Earthly Answer*

- ❖ And all the while, the folks were expecting their redeemer - the Nation of Israel was looking forward to their King.
- ❖ Arriving on a Donkey - **Lowly Symbolizing Victory**
- ❖ Palms Waved in an act of humility.
- ❖ Coats covering the roadway

# *Saw Christ as an Earthly Answer*

- Cheering Shouting Hosanna
- Christ Knew What Was Going On - But they *did not understand his purpose*. They were looking for an earthly change.
- Disciples were all about setting up the Earthly Kingdom. Disciples and people were only beginning to understand, *but still saw it with worldly eyes*.



# *The Palm Plan*

- James 3:10 tells us that from the mouth come both blessing and cursing and this should not be...
- They did not understand Christ's Purpose of Redemption. They did not see the whole picture...

*Matthew 24:14 tells us its not too far.*

❖ **CHRIST'S RETURN - OUR SOON COMING KING!**

- ❖ When the gospel is preached in all the world to all nations, the end shall come
- ❖ Today we celebrate and look forward to Christ's return...our Soon Coming King

# THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THEIR KING.

- ❖ ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIS RETURN?
- ❖ ARE YOU READY?
- ❖ COMMITTEE'S: We don't know WHEN that will be. And we don't need to be on the 'Planning Committee'... We need to be on the Welcoming Committee.
- ❖ HOW CAN YOU BE READY?

# *The MOST Defining Action*

- ❖ ARE YOU READY AND PREPARED?
- ❖ Or does the thought frighten you?
- ❖ There are a few solid lessons that we could derive from Jesus' humility on Palm Sunday:

*First*, we need not despair when we see the mess that people have made of the world. For those closest to Jesus, things looked even worse on Good Friday.

*Jesus' cross turned out not to be the end, but the beginning—turned out not to be defeat, but victory.*

# *The MOST Defining Action*

*Second*, we need not despair when things are going badly for us personally.

- ❖ In such circumstances, we can lift our eyes to the heavens. We can ask God to redeem our suffering. We can ask God to show us a pathway through the darkness.
- ❖ We can ask God to *help us to find new meaning for our lives. And he will.*

# *The MOST Defining Action*

*Third*, let us remember how much power there is in Godly humility—Godly service—Godly love.

- ❖ In some cases, people with earthly power use that power in Godly ways.
  - ❖ God will bless them for that stewardship.
  - ❖ It is only through their humility, their service, and their love that their power and wealth take on real meaning.

# *The MOST Defining Action*

- ❖ What of those who have no power and no wealth—who have only humility, service, and love—*those lives also have great meaning.*
- ❖ If you think of yourself as ordinary—as having little power—as living from paycheck to *paycheck—then recognize that you have a special place in God's plan.*

# *The MOST Defining Action*

God can do wonderful things through you as you render humble service in Godly love.

❖ *If you are ordinary, or extraordinary pray that God will give you the faith to recognize the wonderful things that he can do through your life.*

❖ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



WOOD YOU COME TO THE CROSS

# The Palm Sunday Path

Matthew 21



*If We:*

❖ *Read His Word*

❖ *Have Faith in His Word*

❖ *Remember His Word*

❖ *Respond to His Word*



# *“How Then Should We Live”*

❖ We will have difficult decisions to make about the culture we find our selves:

❖ *Adopting Culture*

❖ *Adapting to Culture*

❖ *Maintain Preferred Culture*

❖ *Undermine Culture*

❖ *OR Engage a Culture of Mine/More*

# *If We Chose to Engage*

- Mindless consumption,
- Pompously condemn,
- Lazily copy,

OR

- *Conscientiously Create*  
— *Light a Candle rather than  
curse the darkness.*

# *Flip the Blessing*

## *How to Support CHC*

**#1 Giving Application on Planning Center**

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