

LESSONS FROM PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

INTRO:

Palm Sunday began the last week Jesus lived on Earth. A week so important, it took up 1/3 of Matthew and Mark's Gospels, 1/4 of Luke's and 1/2 of John's.

Lessons

- 1. MT. 21:5 NKJV** Humility: Jesus rides on a donkey, not a warhorse—a symbol of humility and peace. **JAMES 4:5-7** Jesus received the grace He needed to do God's will because of His humility. Healing grace is given to the humble. A woman thought she should be healed because she taught Sunday School.
- 2. JOHN 12:12-13** Right expectations: They cried out for a king to free them from Rome and give them victory. Naaman had wrong expectations.
- 3. ZECH. 9:9 NKJV** Fulfilled prophecy: 500 years later, every detail was fulfilled. **IS. 53:4-5 HCSB**: 600 years later, this prophecy was fulfilled, **MT. 8:16-17**.
- 4. MT. 27:22-23** Faith can easily be shaken: "Hallelujah" to "Crucify Him". **JAMES 1:5-7** Wavering can cause faith to fail, **LK. 22:31-32**.
- 5. JOHN 12:24** Sacrifice is necessary: Jesus' death conquered death, **HEB. 2:14-15**. **GAL. 3:13-14** Jesus was made a curse to heal us.
- 6. LK. 19:37-40** The importance of praise: Jesus didn't rebuke them because His time had come. His very presence demanded praise or the rocks would cry out. **PS. 118:21** Jesus praised God for salvation.

7. IS. 55:8-9 Trust in God's ways: The donkey ride, Crucifixion? Anoint with oil, lay hands on, wash in the pool, spit on, Jericho.

8. REV. 7:9-12 Glory is coming: The white robes symbolize righteousness, purity, and victory. Palm branches-joy and triumph. Together they proclaim victory from God and the Lamb, **REV. 12:11.**

CONCLUSION: By humbling ourselves, having right expectations and staying in faith, God's grace will see us through to victory even in the most challenging circumstances.