

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday
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Palm Sunday is the fulfillment of prophecy.

- Zechariah 9:9
- Isaiah 53:3
- Zechariah 11:12-13
- Isaiah 53:7

Prophecies fulfilled prove beyond doubt that Jesus was and is the Messiah.

Is Jesus my Savior or is He my Lord and Savior?

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a king because He was a king, not only a king, but the King of Kings.

Jesus knew what He was facing.

Matthew 20:17-19

He took the ride willingly. He took it for you and He took it for me.

Read Zechariah 9:9-10.

What are the symbols of peace and instruction spelled out in these verses?

More than 300 prophecies were fulfilled through Jesus. What impact does this have on your faith?

Read Matt. 21:1-11

Jesus sends two disciples to go and get the donkey colt.

If you were one of those disciples, how would you have felt? What would have been going through your mind? What would your conversation look like with the other disciple?

Why do you think the disciples obeyed Jesus? What can we learn from this type of obedience to Jesus?

The colt, mentioned in this story was also a part of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Zechariah . (Refer back to Zechariah 9)

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a Donkey, what message was He trying to send to those who greeted Him?

Where would you have been on that first Palm Sunday? Among the disciples who welcomed Him—or among the skeptical crowds? It's easy to condemn those who condemned Jesus—but would we have acted any differently?

We too are sinners, and have rebelled against God. What does the term *rebelled against God* mean to you?

Without the ride on the donkey, the week never happens.

When Jesus got on that donkey, He knew this was the beginning of a very horrible week. Remember, he felt pain and suffering just as you and I do...Yet, He did it willingly and He did it for you and He did it for me. What impact does this have on you?

Jesus accomplished His work on this earth for all of us. Today is Palm Sunday, what is Jesus asking from you?

What does He need from you to fulfill some part of His great plan in this broken world; Is it a gifting, a special talent, your time, your career, maybe part of your finances? In what ways can He use your knowledge, your wisdom and your work experience?

Whatever He needs, as He speaks to you, do not hold it back, but release it freely, just like the village folk released the colt. If "The Lord Needs It", and you release it, He will do amazing things through what you offer Him.

We enter into a week made "holy" forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or "distracted" we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death resurrection.