

Palm Sunday Message

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

Reading: Luke Chapter 19:28-44

(Wednesday, April 1, 2026)

- Approaching the Passover feast. Exodus 12:3-6 (Plague of 1st born / background.)
 - Jesus is deliberately moving towards the cross. Omniscient God!
 - Jesus is pressing His claim as the King.
 - Time frame: 4 days prior to Calvary.
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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS DURING LAST WEEK:

Month of Nissan (1st month), 32 AD.

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| 10th Sunday (4/6/32) | Triumphant entry (Matt. 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, John 12:12-19) Exodus 12:3-6 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Day that the Passover lamb was selected and inspected by priests. Jesus presented himself, was questioned by Priests, and found without fault or blemish. (Matthew 22) |
| 11th Monday | |
| 12th Tuesday | Olivet discourse. Matthew 24-25 |
| 13th Wednesday | Last Supper Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13. |
| 14th Thursday | Prep. day: Passover, Crucifixion – spared by the blood of the Lamb. |
| 15th Friday | High Sabbath day , Feast of un-leavened bread with special Sabbath days on each end of the 7 day feast, the 15 th & 21 st . |
| 16th Saturday | Regular Sabbath day. |
| 17th Sunday | Resurrection , He's alive! Hallelujah! |

John 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

- Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Passover lamb was examined / questioned:
- The reason Jesus was examined goes back to Exodus.

Exodus 12:3, 5-6 “³... on the tenth day of this month (Palm Sunday) every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household:” – “⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶Now you shall keep it until the

fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.”

- How did they know if that lamb was without blemishes? Someone had to examine it – someone in authority, the papa, the head of the household.

1. The **Herodians** were the political leaders.
2. The **Sadducees** were the economic authorities, the businessmen.
3. The **Pharisees** were the religious authorities over the nation of Israel.
4. **Pontius Pilot** was the final authority at that time.

(Turn to:)

1. **Matthew 22:16-22** Herodians. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar? Coin? Who's image? “²¹... render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” They marveled and went their way.

2. **Matthew 22:23-33** Sadducees. Don't believe in the resurrection - absurd / so 7 brothers and 1 wife. Who's wife is she?

Matthew 22:29-33 **Read**

3. **Matthew 22:34-40** Pharisees. Greatest commandment?

“³⁷Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:46 “And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither dared any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions.”

4. Pilot specifically declares 3 X's that he found “no fault” in this man. It wasn't just a declaration of innocence but of perfection and it was the final examination by the final authority over the house.

- Later during His trial with Pontius Pilot, Jesus had been declared innocent or righteous by 7 different witnesses.

1. Judas Iscariot: **Matthew 27:4** “I have betrayed innocent blood...”
2. Priests & elders: **Matthew 27:4** “... what is that to us? You see to it!”
3. Pilot: (7) **Matt. 27:24**, Lk. 23:4, 14, 22; Jn.18:38, 19:4, 6.
“I am innocent of this just this just Person...”
4. Pilot's wife: **Matthew 27:19** “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things in a dream because of Him.”
5. Herod: **Luke 23:14-15** “I have found no fault in this Man - no neither did Herod.”
6. Thief: **Luke 23:41** “we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”
7. Centurion: **Luke 23:47** “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”

- None of them were able to find fault in Jesus; He is without spot, with out blemish – without sin. *If we take the time to examine Jesus, we'll find the same thing.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

- All of these things pave the way for Jesus to be lifted up on the cross paying the price for our sins.

Matthew 21:1-16 (turn to) Parallel account: Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

- Usually Jesus moved discreetly, desiring not to be noticed, because it was not yet His time.
- Here He orchestrates a grand reception, a high profile event.
- Why? **Romans 1:20** “... so that they are without excuse.”
 - ❖ The Jews couldn’t say “*if we had only had a chance, an opportunity to receive Him.*” They would be unable to claim ignorance.
- Much like hearing the Gospel; we are responsible for what we know.

V: 1 Bethpage is close to Bethany, just outside of Jerusalem, on the East side of the mount of Olives.

[Map / Bethany / Mt. Olives / descent: \(2\)](#)



V: 2-3 Demonstrating supernatural knowledge, omniscience.

- The other Gospels record that everything happened just as Jesus described.

V: 4-5 This is a parenthetical break: [Key phrase](#): “... *that it might be fulfilled...*”

- This passage represents the fulfillment of 3 Messianic prophecies:

1. Jesus quoted Zechariah 9:9 (approx. 500 years before Jesus)

Zechariah 9:9 “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 or a donkey.”

2. **Psalms 118:24-25** (1,200 years before Jesus) “This is the day” – Hosanna = save now!

Psalms 118:24-25 “²⁴This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save now (Hosanna), I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.”

That it might be fulfilled... what was being fulfilled?

3. **Daniel 9:24-25** (550 years before Jesus) **Nehemiah 2:1-8** (Sir Robert Anderson, The Coming Prince).

- From the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem (**Nehemiah** on 3/14/445 BC.) to the coming of the Messiah would be 69 weeks of years, 483 years, or 173,880 days – so that on April 6, 32 AD Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey being proclaimed as King by the people exactly to the day as was previously prophesied.

V: 6 *“So the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,”*

- This may seem like a trivial foot note, but their obedience is acknowledged.

V: 7 Donkey. This isn't typically a king's transportation. This was a stark contrast to everyone's expectations. (Fulfilled prophecy, Zechariah 9:9)

1. **1 Kings 1:33** - Solomon rode David's mule as a symbol of his right to be King.
2. Roman rulers came on a black stallion, decked out in gold armor, accompanied with a display of power.
3. Jesus came at this time on a donkey with a mission of humility leading up to Calvary. He came as a servant to suffer and die for our sins.
4. The next time, Jesus' return will be on a white horse, with a sword, eyes of fire, bloodied garments, stained with the blood of His enemies.

Revelation 19:11-16 “¹¹Now I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations, and He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

- This time, they placed their clothes on the colt, and on the roadway leading to Jerusalem: an act of worship to their king, homage to be sure; but sadly all for the wrong reasons.

V: 8 Cut down branches. (Palms) Hailed as King. 1/3

Luke 19:37 “Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen;”

- Previously the symbol of the Maccabean revolt was the palm branch, which combined with their other actions revealed that the peoples real desire was for a king that would deliver Israel from Rome.

Luke 19:38 “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

- The One who “comes in the name of the Lord” is an acknowledgment or statement that this person speaks for and comes in the authority of the Lord, which in this instance is the word “**Kurios**” – the NT equivalent of **Jehovah** or **Yahweh**.

V: 9 “*Son of David*” is a prophetic title, that everyone was familiar with:

Matthew 12:23 “And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

- “*Hosanna*” = “save now” Again a prophetic fulfillment of **Psalm 118**.
- They are crying out for deliverance; but they are mistaken about what they are in bondage to. They think it’s the Romans when all along it is to their own sin.

V: 10 “*Moved*” – shaken, seismic event / earth quake.

Parallel account:

John 12:12-13 “¹²The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! (save now) Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The king of Israel!”

- Jesus’ “triumphant entry” is causing quite a stir amongst both the religious people, and in the political arena. The whole city was aware.
- Politically sensitive time, the Romans and religious leaders were all on edge: Passover was a time of national pride, and seemingly most of the revolts against Rome or their various conquerors happened at this time.
- The symbol of the Macabean revolt was two crossed palm branches. Now all these people are singing about the “real” king who is on His way to Jerusalem, being hailed as the Messiah.

V: 11 “Prophet” recognized in part (2/3) of who He is: Prophet, Priest, and King = God!

Disciple on the way to Emmaus:

Luke 24:19 “And he said to them, what things? So they said to Him, the things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.”

- Jesus was recognized as being a prophet in general, but the use of the phrase “the Prophet” is significant because of the prophecy of Moses regarding the Messiah.

Deuteronomy 18:15 “¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.”

- The prophet who would be the Messiah - Jesus is that, He is “the Prophet” spoken of.

V: 12 This is His 2nd time cleaning out the temple and it is totally contrary to contemporary church culture of today - Jesus dealt forcefully with the sin issues before Him.

- 1st stop was the temple, not the Antonia Fortress. He was dealing with the Jews not the Romans.
- “Sold” – certified sacrifices at inflated prices.
- “Money changers”; no Roman or Gentile coinage accepted, Temple Shekels exchanged at a favorable rate.
- Turned over “the seats,” just the seats of those who sold doves.
- According to Josephus these concessions were owned and operated by Caiaphas the High Priest, who became a very wealthy man.
- They had made God’s house a den of thieves, and He was dealing with it.

1 Peter 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

V: 13 God’s house is to be a house of prayer.

- It was intended that Jews and Gentiles alike would be drawn to faith, drawn into a relationship with God.

Isaiah 56:6-7 “⁶Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants - everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant. ⁷Even them I

will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

- Instead it had become a den of thieves, a flea market.

Jeremiah 7:11 “Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, even I, have seen it, says the Lord.”

- What was being stolen? No just money – but the faith and hearts of the people.
- What is Jesus looking for in His house? It is to be a “sanctuary”, a safe place from predators.
- Prayer – Truth - Healing & ministry.

V: 14 The real purpose of the Temple? It was a place to meet with God.

1. A place of prayer a place to meet with God, a point of contact.
2. A place to hear God’s voice and to have fellowship, and communion with Him.
3. It is to be a place of healing, forgiveness, and restoration.

Psalm 16:11 “You will show me the path of life: in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

Isaiah 35:5-6 “⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.”

- The people came to Jesus in the Temple; that is where you find the priests serving, that is what Jesus, our Great High Priest (3/3) was doing – ministering to His people.

Hebrews 4:14 “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”

- In these passages, we see Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King.

V: 15 “Indignant!?” The “religious” and the “greedy”, the carnal minded have no appreciation for the miracles of Jesus, all they want to do is keep Him from ministering to the people, and keep the people from worshipping Him and proclaiming His glory.

V: 16 This is their 2nd attempt to get Jesus to “control” His people...

Luke 19:39-40 “³⁹And some of the Pharisees called from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” ⁴⁰But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

- Another fulfillment of Messianic prophecy:


Psalm 8:2 “Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.”

- How are we to approach Jesus? As little children, with child like faith - with worship and praise in our hearts and on our lips.

Lord Jesus said:

Matthew 18:3 “Verily verily, I say to you unless you are converted / turn and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Luke 19:41-44 Jesus wept in the midst of “triumph”.

- **Church of Tears:** (Dominus Flevit / “The Lord wept.) 1953-1955.
- This site was un-marked until the time of the crusaders who built a small chapel that was destroyed when the city fell to the Turks, then a mosque, then a house, then another church.
- “Church of Tears” Mt. of Olives. 
- They didn’t recognize what was going on all around them, they didn’t see their need for salvation – they missed their opportunity as a nation and it would cost them dearly!
- I pray none of us make the same mistake - recognize Him, receive Him, and allow Him to be glorified in your life!

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For he says, “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

- Jesus is our omniscient God - He knew and orchestrated all these things!
- He’s coming back triumphant again - are you ready for Him?