

PALM SUNDAY

Journey

Majesty [Matthew 21:1-11]

I. The Triumphal Entry [Palms] [Matthew 21:1-11]

- A. Getting Ready - Preparation [1-4]
- B. The Prophecy Fulfilled - Zechariah 9:9 [5]
- C. The Plan Carried Out [6-9]
- D. The Crowds Excitement & Curiosity [10-11]

II. Gathering of a Great Multitude [Palms] [Revelation 7:9-12]

John witnesses a multinational assembly joining together to worship God

III. He Is Our King [I Timothy 6:15-16]

When trials and tribulations strike, remember that God is Sovereign (6:15). When you think more highly of yourself than you ought, remember that God is sovereign. When your life hits rock bottom, remember that God is sovereign. The worst nightmare of the wicked is that God is sovereign. The overruling hope of the saint is that God is sovereign. - Tony Evans

Discussion Questions/Prayer

[1] Read Matthew 21:1-11. Why do you think Jesus chose to enter the city in this manner? Why would the King of an eternal kingdom choose a donkey rather than something flashier or more ostentatious? (For more insight, try reading Philippians 2.) [Abide]

[2] Read Psalm 92:12-15 [and the note to the right] What kind of "fruit" do thriving Christians bear? How do Christians stay "healthy and green" in old age? How does their fruit "declare" the justice, security, and righteousness of God?" [LCBSB]

[3] Read Revelation 7:9-12. As you reflect on this passage, praise God for the truth of His Word and for His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises from long ago. Praise God for bringing every nation to His throne. Praise Him for His glory and wisdom. As you pray ask God to help you live in anticipation of His promises yet to be fulfilled. [Abide]

Matthew 21:1-11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" [Zech.9:9; Isaiah 62:11]

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the [palm] trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

In Psalm 92:12 The *righteous* are likened to a palm tree. The palm tree symbolizes strength, longevity, and desirability. The representation of trees growing and bearing fruit "in the courts" of the Lord suggests the closeness of the righteous to their God.

Revelation 7:9-12 After this I looked [John the Apostle], and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

I Timothy 6:15-16 ...Jesus is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen."