

Palm Sunday Together Service Sermon Notes

Mark 11:1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, **5** some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" **6** They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. **7** When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Matthew 21:1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

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“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Jesus at the Temple

12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. **13** “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,^[e] but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. **15** But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

16 “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Luke 19:²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Jesus at the Temple

⁴⁵ When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling.

⁴⁶ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

47 Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. **48** Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

John 12:**12** The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **13** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

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“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. **18** Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. **19** So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

Harmonized Account of Palm Sunday (with Differences Highlighted)

As Jesus went on ahead toward Jerusalem, he approached **Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives**.

He sent two of his disciples, saying:

“Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, **you will find a colt tied there which no one has ever ridden. [Matthew adds: a donkey with her colt]**. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it,’ **[Matthew: “and he will send them right away”; Mark: “and will send it back here shortly.”]**”

The disciples went and found it **just as he had told them**. As they were untying the colt, **its owners / some people standing there** asked, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They replied, “The Lord needs it,” and they let them go.

They brought the colt **[Matthew: the donkey and the colt]** to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it / **them**, and Jesus sat on **the colt**.

[Matthew and John note that this fulfilled prophecy:]

“Say to Daughter Zion,
See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

[John words it:]

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

[John adds:] At first the disciples did not understand these things; only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him.

As Jesus rode along, many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others **cut branches from the trees / fields** and spread them on the road. **[John specifies palm branches.]**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

They shouted: “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

[Matthew adds:]

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

[Mark adds:]

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

[Luke records:]

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

[John records:]

“Blessed is the King of Israel!”

[John also explains that many in the crowd were spreading the word because Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead.]

Some of the **Pharisees in the crowd** said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

He answered, “I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it** and said:

“If you, even you, had known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come when your enemies will build an embankment against you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground... because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, **the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”**

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

[Mark adds:]

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

[Matthew and Luke continue immediately:]

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“It is written,” he said to them,

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47 Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. **48** Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Below is a **color-coded harmony of Palm Sunday** combining the four Gospel accounts:

- Gospel of Matthew
- Gospel of Mark
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of John

Color Key

-  Matthew
-  Mark
-  Luke
-  John

Shared material appears with **multiple colors listed**.



Color-Coded Harmony of Palm Sunday

Approach to Jerusalem




   As Jesus approached **Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives**, he sent two disciples ahead.

 **After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead going up to Jerusalem.**



Instructions About the Donkey


  “Go to the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find **a colt tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.**”



 “You will find **a donkey tied there with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.**”

   “If anyone asks why you are doing this, say:
‘The Lord needs it.’”



The Disciples Retrieve the Animal

  They found the colt tied outside by a doorway.

 Its **owners** asked:
“Why are you untying the colt?”

  They replied:
“The Lord needs it.”

 They brought **the donkey and the colt** and placed their cloaks on them.

  They threw their cloaks on **the colt**, and **Jesus sat on it**.

Prophecy Fulfilled



“Say to Daughter Zion,
See, your king comes to you,
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on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”



“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

 **At first the disciples did not understand this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize it fulfilled Scripture.**

The Crowd Welcomes Jesus

   Many people spread their **cloaks on the road**.

  Others **cut branches from trees**.

 They took **palm branches** and went out to meet him.

The Crowd's Shouts



"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



"Hosanna **to the Son of David!**"



"Blessed is the **coming kingdom of our father David!**"




"Blessed is the **King** who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"




"Blessed is the **King of Israel!**"

Pharisees Object


 Some Pharisees said:

"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

 Jesus replied:

"If they keep quiet, the **stones will cry out.**"

Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem

 As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it** and foretold its destruction because the people did not recognize the time of God's coming.

Why the Crowds Came

 The crowd that had seen **Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead** continued spreading the news.

 The Pharisees said:

“Look, the whole world has gone after him!”

Entering Jerusalem

■ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, **the whole city was stirred** and asked:

“Who is this?”

■ The crowds answered:

“This is **Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.**”

At the Temple

■ Jesus entered the temple courts and **looked around at everything.**

■ Since it was already late, **he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.**

■ ■ Jesus **drove out those buying and selling** in the temple.

“My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers.”

■ The **blind and lame were healed** in the temple.

■ Children shouted:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

■ Jesus spent the night **in Bethany.**

Start SermonNotes

Scripture reading
Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12

What You Gotta Know

**He came with peace and came in love—
Hosanna! Hosanna! Praise God above!**

Power Verse

John 12:13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Palm Sunday Path from Israel **Video**

Luke 19:37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

1. I Am Paying Attention To What Jesus Is Doing

They found out what Jesus was doing and followed Him

- We have the choice to pay attention. How many parents have looked at their kid and said pay attention? Teachers? Wives, your husband ever look at you confused when told the house is dirty? And there's dishes in the sink, pots in the stove?

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2. I Will Not Hold Back My Praise

- How blessed are we for our worship team?
- Instagramvideo

They praised Him because they believed he was king and Messiah

Everyone, from kids to adults, was praising Jesus as King and Messiah with their actions and their words

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"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

He wants our praise in every aspect of our life, our fun, our work, our rest, even our difficulties
Are we truly willing to give all of our praise and not hold back, even when it makes others uncomfortable?

The Pharisees were uncomfortable with the praise of the people going to Jesus as king

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Ensemble

Pastor Tim Transition after the ensemble

3. I Will Honor Jesus With My Life

They followed Him and what He was doing, they praised Him with their mouths, but their hearts were far from Him

Will you recognize Him in your life? Will you honor Him with the way you live?

Many people sang Hosanna and worshipped him and then turned around and betrayed him and fled from him

Matthew 15:8 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'

Jesus was not looking for people who would just lay down their coats and palm branches for Him. He wants people who will lay down their sins and lay down their lives

A life that honors Jesus is one that is surrendered to him.

Will you surrender your life to Jesus today?

Are you willing to give up control so He can lead you to honor Him?

Connection card emphasis, along with prayer team emphasis