

We Believe
In
Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11

Isn't it amazing how two people can be at the same event and come away with two different perspectives. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was met with that same kind of reaction. The same people that shouted hosanna as he entered into Jerusalem also shouted give us Barabbas. People are fickle.

The beautiful thing about this entire event was it had been foretold by prophets in the Old Testament 700 to 1000 years prior. This was a fulfillment of God's promise to us people. Revelation 13:8 Jesus is "The Lamb who was slain at the foundation of the world." God doesn't work randomly, he works by the design he created one time and Jesus riding in on a donkey is part of his design for redemption for humanity.

Let's read Mark chapter 11 starting with verse one. ***"As they approach Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the mount of olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you'll find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, why are you doing this? Say, the Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly. They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, what are you doing, untying that colt? They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead of those who follow shouted, hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out of Bethany with the twelve."***

Hosanna: this word in the context it was given has a dual meaning. First, it means shouts of praise and second it means shouts of desperation. Hosanna literally means "Save Us." This same prayer is still being prayed today. Some prayers are shouts of praise while others are prayers of desperation but both are crying out hosanna. We pray prayers like, my children are sick, my marriage is killing me, my health is failing, I have no purpose or direction. Whatever your cry is today may you never stop shouting hosanna.

Jesus was the Fulfillment to the promise made to king David in second Samuel chapter 7 when God told David that he would always have an heir to sit on the throne forever. But the last king of Israel who was Zedekiah was overthrown by Babylon because of his wickedness. He died in exile and the last king. The last thing he saw was the execution of his sons. It was a dark time for Israel.

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Here comes the awesome part! On the day we call Palm Sunday, in the triumphal entry, the one who carries the brightness of God's glory descended from Bethany in the Mount of olives and enters the East gate of the holy city and went to the temple.

I don't want you to miss this so pay attention closely. In the same way that the manifest presence of God lift Temple and Jerusalem by the way of Bethany at the Mount of olives is the same way God himself through his son Jesus entered the city through Bethany at the Mount of olives. **Mark 11:11 "Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple."** Don't tell me God doesn't have a plan! Don't tell me

God will not fulfill his word to the smallest detail! Don't tell me God has forgotten his promise! I serve a God who is on point and on time every single time!!!! The glory of God that left the temple in 586 BC has now returned!

The sad part of this whole story is that no one understood that the king of glory was in their midst. This is why Jesus wept. Dear God help us to never miss our hour of visitation. Hosanna! Save us! This desperate cry may require you to lay down your props, excuses, anger, bitterness, and unbelief. Jesus says come to seek and to save the lost to restore the glory of God here on earth.

Why did he do all of that? The simple answer is, he did it for you. ***John 3:16 says it best, "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life."***