



“The Triumphal Entry”

John 12: 12-19

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Day 1: The Humble King Arrives

Devotional

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He made a powerful statement about the nature of His kingdom. Instead of riding a war horse like earthly kings, He chose a humble donkey - a working animal that carries burdens. This wasn't an accident or lack of resources; it was a deliberate choice that revealed His heart. Jesus came not to conquer through force, but to serve through love. His kingdom operates on completely different principles than the world's systems of power and prestige. The donkey represents the everyday, ordinary way Jesus works in our lives - not through flashy displays, but through faithful service and burden-bearing. As we begin this Holy Week, we're reminded that true greatness comes through humility and service to others. Jesus, who had every right to demand royal treatment, chose the path of a servant. This challenges us to examine our own hearts and motivations. Are we seeking worldly recognition, or are we willing to follow Jesus' example of humble service?

Bible Verse

'Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' - Zechariah 9:9

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life are you seeking worldly recognition instead of following Jesus' example of humble service?

Quote

A war horse is pampered. A donkey works.

Prayer

Lord, help me embrace humility as You did when You rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Teach me that true greatness comes through serving others, not seeking my own glory.



Day 2: Crying Out for Salvation

Devotional

The crowds that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem weren't just celebrating - they were crying out in desperation. 'Hosanna' literally means 'save us now!' These people recognized their need for deliverance and weren't ashamed to call out to the One who could provide it. They had witnessed Jesus' miracles, heard His teachings, and seen His compassion. Now they were publicly declaring their faith in Him as their Savior. Their enthusiasm wasn't manufactured or forced - it came from genuine recognition of who Jesus was and what He could do. In our modern world, we often try to appear self-sufficient and in control. We hesitate to admit our need for help, especially spiritual help. But the Palm Sunday crowd teaches us something beautiful about authentic faith - it's okay to cry out to Jesus when we need Him. In fact, recognizing our need is the first step toward receiving His salvation. This Holy Week, let's follow their example by honestly acknowledging our need for Jesus and boldly calling out to Him for salvation, healing, and transformation.

Bible Verse

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.' - Psalms 118:26

Reflection Question

What areas of your life do you need to cry out 'Hosanna' - save me now - to Jesus?

Quote

Hosanna means to save. Please so they already crying out to the one who can.

Prayer

Jesus, I acknowledge my need for You in every area of my life. Like the crowds on Palm Sunday, I cry out 'Hosanna' - save me now from my struggles and sins.

Day 3: Witnesses of the Resurrection Power

Devotional

Among the Palm Sunday crowd were people who had witnessed something extraordinary - they had seen Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. These weren't just casual observers; they were eyewitnesses to resurrection power. They couldn't keep quiet about what they had experienced. Their testimony was so compelling that it drew others to Jesus and frustrated the religious leaders. Being a witness means



more than just knowing about Jesus intellectually - it means having a personal encounter with His power that transforms your life. These witnesses had seen death defeated, and that experience changed everything for them. They became living testimonies of Jesus' authority over the grave. Today, we may not have seen Jesus raise someone from physical death, but if we've experienced His salvation, we've witnessed resurrection power in our own lives. We've been raised from spiritual death to spiritual life. The question isn't whether we have something to witness about - it's whether we're willing to share our testimony with others. This Holy Week, let's remember that we are witnesses of Jesus' transforming power in our lives.

Bible Verse

'Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.' - John 12:18

Reflection Question

When was the last time you shared your personal testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life?

Quote

When's the last time you've been a witness?

Prayer

Lord, give me boldness to share my testimony of Your resurrection power in my life. Help me be a faithful witness wherever You place me.

Day 4: Beyond the Church Doors

Devotional

The Palm Sunday crowd didn't keep their faith confined to the temple - they took it to the streets. They publicly declared their belief in Jesus, waving palm branches and shouting His praises for all to see. Their faith wasn't a private, Sunday-only affair; it was a public testimony that impacted their entire community. This challenges us to examine where and how we live out our faith. It's easy to worship Jesus within the safety of church walls, surrounded by other believers. But the real test of our faith comes when we step outside those doors into our everyday world - our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and grocery stores. The crowds on Palm Sunday teach us that authentic faith can't be contained. When we truly encounter Jesus, it overflows into every area of our lives. We become His representatives



wherever we go, reflecting His love, grace, and truth in our daily interactions. This Holy Week, let's commit to being bold witnesses for Christ not just on Sundays, but every day of the week, in every place we find ourselves.

Bible Verse

'The large crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.' - John 12:12

Reflection Question

How can you be a more effective witness for Christ in your everyday environments outside of church?

Quote

I have done more ministering in Publix Kroger and at the doctor's office than I have ever done in a pool pit.

Prayer

Father, help me live out my faith boldly in every area of my life. Make me a faithful witness for You wherever I go this week.

Day 5: A Holy Week Like No Other

Devotional

As we conclude this Palm Sunday reflection, we're challenged to make this Holy Week different from all others. The crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem experienced something unprecedented - they were part of the most significant week in human history. They didn't know it at the time, but they were witnessing the beginning of events that would change everything forever. We have the advantage of knowing the full story. We know that this week leads to the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection. We understand the complete picture of God's redemptive plan. This knowledge should fill us with even greater excitement and reverence than those original Palm Sunday crowds felt. Too often, we let Holy Week pass by like any other week, caught up in our routines and distractions. But this year can be different. We can choose to enter this week with intentional focus on Jesus, reflecting on His sacrifice, and preparing our hearts for the celebration of His resurrection. Let's make this Holy Week a time of deeper spiritual engagement, meaningful worship, and renewed commitment to following our humble King.



Bible Verse

'Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.' - John 4:48

Reflection Question

What specific steps will you take to make this Holy Week more spiritually meaningful than previous years?

Quote

Let this week, this Holy Week in 2026 be like no other Holy Week you have ever had.

Prayer

Lord, help me approach this Holy Week with fresh eyes and a renewed heart. Make this a week of deeper spiritual growth and closer connection with You.