

Looking Back to Look Ahead: Preparing for Easter!

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THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY:

(12) The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, (13) took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him and cried out “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!” (14) Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it as it is written: (15) “Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming. Sitting on a donkey’s colt. (16) His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. (17) Therefore, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. (18) For this reason, the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. (19) The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.” / John 12:12-19 (NKJV)



Noteworthy thoughts about Palm Sunday

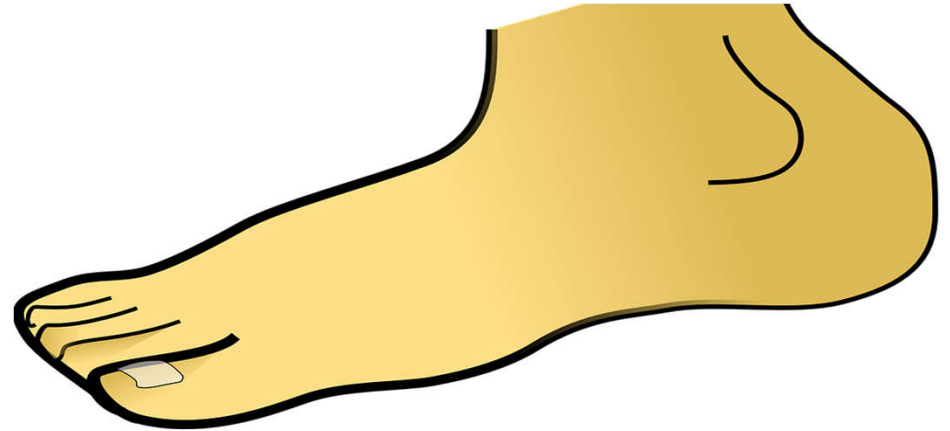
- Some of those yelling: “Hosanna” (adoring and declaring hope in Christ- would later that week yell: “Crucify Him!”)
- Jesus coming in humility (riding on a donkey’s colt vs Majestic War Horse with a grand procession):
 - Matthew 8:1-4: Leper COMES to Jesus.
 - Matthew 11:11- Assuredly, I say to you among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 5- Blessed are the poor- Beatitudes).

First Use of the Word Love in the Bible



**Take Now Your son
your only son your only son
Isaac, whom you love
Genesis 22:2 (NKJV)**

Jesus defeats Satan on the Cross.



**The Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this you are
cursed more than all cattle. More than
every beast of the field, on your belly
you shall go and You shall eat dust all
the days of your life. And I will put
enmity between you and the woman
and between your seed and her seed.
He shall bruise your head and you
shall bruise his heel.**

Genesis 3:14-15 (ESV)

Jesus the Perfect Passover Lamb

In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house nor shall you break one of its bones. Exodus 12:46 (ESV)

So, these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled. Not one of his bones shall be broken. John 19:36 (ESV)





Jesus- the pain and weight of sin.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the word of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day but you do not answer by night, but I find no rest. Psalm 22:1-2 (ESV).

I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard. I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. Isaiah 50:8 (ESV)



Jesus- the pain and weight of sin.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ... But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray we have turned—everyone— to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:3, 5-6).

Betrayal

Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not keep them” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:12 (ESV)





Resurrection

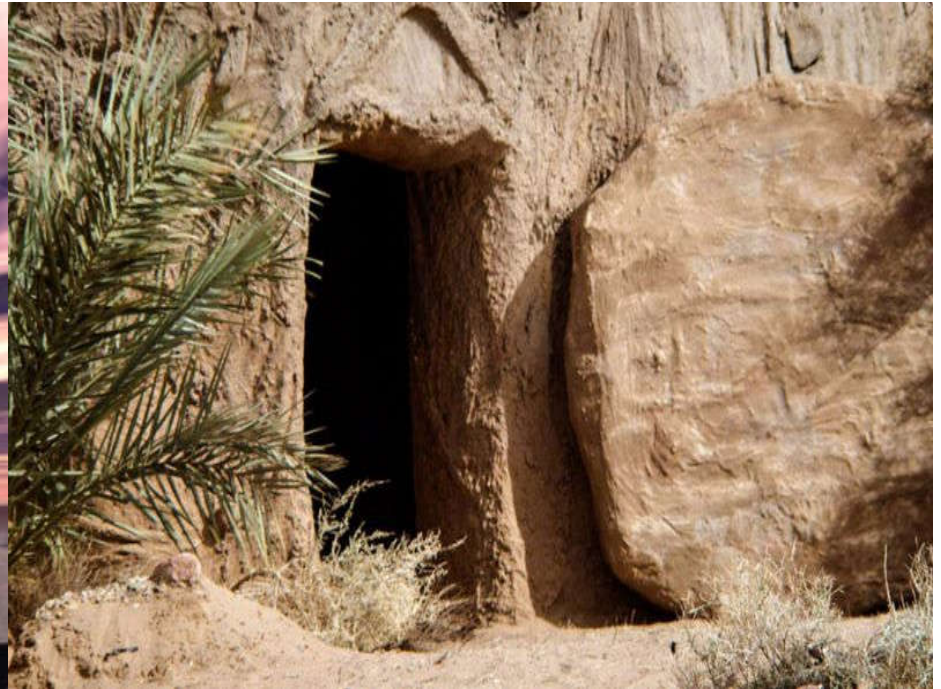
He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces as the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth for the Lord has spoken. (9) It will be said on that day “Behold this is our God; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Isaiah 25:8-9 (ESV)

Prep for Good Friday!



As you share the gospel



If you have been raised up with Christ,
keep seeking the things above, where
Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on the things above, not on
the things that are on earth. For you have
died and your life is hidden with Christ in
God” (Colossians 3:1-3 NASB)