

SERMON NOTES

Palm Sunday Enthusiasm

Mark 11:1-11

(Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19)

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. This begins what is commonly called “holy week.” Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all record this event. Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12. This is the event which we tend to call the triumphal entry. Jesus enters Jerusalem, riding a young donkey, to the praise of people. The enthusiastic crowd was expressing hope for a messiah, a deliverer.

Enthusiasm (Merriam Websters Dictionary)

1a: Strong excitement of feeling

b: Something inspiring zeal or fervor

2a: Belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit

b: Religious fanaticism

Key thought: Our enthusiasm for Christ is to be inspired by His person, His provision, and His promises.

“When He had entered Jerusalem, **all the city was stirred**, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.’” *Matthew 21:10-11* (NASB95)

“As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to **praise God joyfully** with a **loud voice** for all the miracles which they had seen.” *Luke 19:37* (NASB95)

“Took the branches of the palm trees and **went out to meet Him**, and began to shout, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.’” *John 12:13* (NASB95)

“So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, **continued to testify about Him.**” *John 12:17* (NASB95)

“For this reason also the people **went and met Him**, because they heard that He had performed this sign.” *John 12:18* (NASB95)

WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE MOTIVE FOR OUR WORSHIP!

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” *Zechariah 9:9* (NASB95)

Hosanna – “save now” – Psalm 118:25, Psalm 118 was always recited at Passover, called the “conquerors psalm.”

- Experience
- Expectations

WE ARE TO CONSIDER THE MESSIAH WHO WE WORSHIP!

- His person
- His provision
- His promises

Take away:

“But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.” *1 Corinthians 13:13* (NASB95)

- Be inspired with a deeper faith
- Be inspired with a greater hope
- Be inspired with a stronger love