

## Part 1 of 5 PALM SUNDAY



### OVERVIEW

Palm Sunday is a significant event in the Christian calendar that commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which occurred one week before his crucifixion and resurrection. Here's what happened on Palm Sunday:

**Triumphal Entry:** Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of **Zechariah 9:9**, which described the Messiah as humble and riding on a donkey. This event symbolized Jesus' role as the long-awaited King of Israel.

**Reception by the Crowd:** As Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered, spreading their cloaks on the road and waving palm branches, a symbol of victory and royalty. They shouted praises to Jesus, saying "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ( **Matthew 21:9** ).

**Symbolism:** The use of palm branches and the shouts of "Hosanna" signified the people's recognition of Jesus *as the Messiah*, the one who would save them. However, their expectations of Jesus were often political and earthly, expecting him to overthrow Roman rule and establish an earthly kingdom.

**Conflict with Religious Leaders:** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the enthusiastic response of the crowd stirred up tension with the religious leaders, who were threatened by Jesus' popularity and teachings.

**Temple Cleansing:** Following his entry into Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and those selling sacrificial animals. He condemned the commercialization of the temple, emphasizing its intended purpose as a house of prayer.

**Foreshadowing of Crucifixion:** Despite the joyous reception on Palm Sunday, Jesus knew that his journey to Jerusalem would ultimately lead to his betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. Palm Sunday marked the beginning of the events leading to Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection.

**Liturgical Observance:** Palm Sunday is commemorated in many Christian traditions with special worship services. It often involves the distribution of palm branches to the congregation and the reading of biblical passages recounting Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Overall, Palm Sunday serves as a reminder of Jesus' identity as the promised Messiah and King, as well as the beginning of the events leading to his ultimate sacrifice for humanity's redemption.

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## Scriptural References

Luke 19:28-44 | Matthew 21:1-11 | Mark 11:1-10  
Zechariah 9:9

*Note: According to the Book of Daniel 9:24 > Daniel said the Jewish Messiah would come 483 years after the commandment (of Artaxerxes, king of Persia) to rebuild and restore Jerusalem. Sir Robert Anderson's calculations showed that Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem to public acclaim, Luke 19, known as the Triumphal Entry, on **the precise day** that was prophesied by Daniel.*

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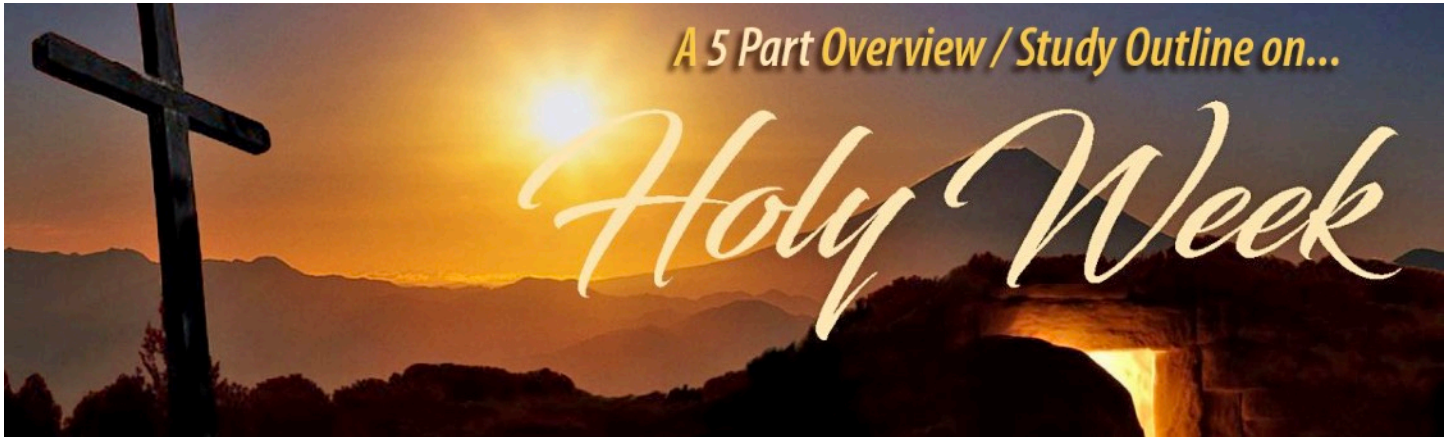
*Much Like He instructed the nation of Israel, God wants us to "Keep In Remembrance" the things which He has foretold and fulfilled for us.*

12 Remember His marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; - 1 Chronicles 16:12

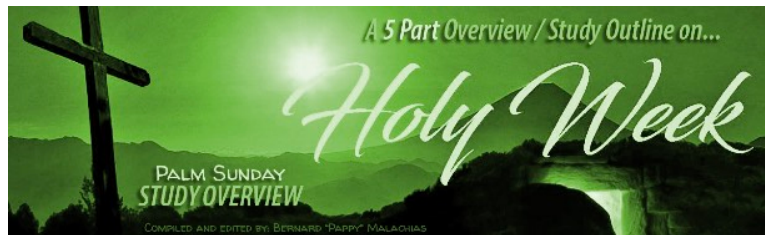
*...there can be no better way to keep our salvation alive and vibrant for others to see than to continue to "Remember" all that Our God has done to offer the world salvation and an eternity with Him, through Jesus as the Christ.*

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*It is our prayer that you will have found this STUDY OVERVIEW To be helpful in your knowledge and remembrance of Holy Week and just how extreme the length of Love that Our Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has exercised, to save us all through the Lord Jesus as the Christ. To all those that believe on Him and what He has done for us.*

**John 3:16 | Romans 10:9-10**

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