



Palm Sunday

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Sunday, March 29, 2026

5-Day Devotional: When the World Goes Crazy

Day 1: God Knows Every Detail

Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

Devotional: Before Jesus sent His disciples to find the colt, He knew every detail they would encounter—where it would be tied, that it had never been ridden, and exactly what the owners would say. Nothing surprised Him. In the same way, God knows every detail of your life before it unfolds. The financial struggle you're facing, the relationship that's broken, the diagnosis you fear—none of it catches God off guard. He knew before the foundation of the world what you would face today. This doesn't minimize your pain, but it offers profound comfort: you serve a sovereign God who sees, knows, and has a plan even when you don't understand.

Reflection: What situation in your life feels out of control? How does knowing God saw it coming change your perspective?

Day 2: Worship in the Midst of Busyness

Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Devotional: Jerusalem was packed with two million visitors preparing for Passover. Homes needed cleaning, families were arriving, responsibilities were overwhelming. Yet when Jesus rode into the city, the entire crowd stopped everything to worship Him joyfully and loudly. They didn't wait for a convenient time or a scheduled service—they recognized the moment and responded. Neurologists tell us we cannot be anxious and grateful simultaneously. When we choose to worship God in the midst of our chaos, anxiety loses its grip. The disciples praised God specifically for His miracles—they had reasons. What miracles has God done in your life? Don't let busyness rob you of worship today.

Reflection: Did you truly worship God today, or did you just attend church? Why did you worship?

Day 3: Wrong Perspectives Lead to Wrong Actions

Reading: Matthew 23:37-39

Devotional: The Pharisees had preached just the day before that the Messiah could come at any moment, yet when He arrived, they missed Him entirely. Worried about political consequences and theological pride, they demanded Jesus silence His followers. Their wrong perspective led to tragic action—rejecting the very Savior they claimed to await. When we face trials, we can choose our lens. We can ask "Why?" and assign blame, or we can look through biblical lenses: God is sovereign even when I don't understand; God is good even when I don't understand; God has a plan even when I don't understand. Pain is real, but we cannot let pain define truth.

Reflection: What lens are you looking through today—fear and blame, or faith and trust?

Day 4: From Hosanna to Crucifixion to Resurrection

Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Devotional: Palm Sunday's celebration led to Thursday's betrayal, Friday's crucifixion, and Sunday's resurrection. The disciples couldn't see the full picture during their darkest hours. When Jesus hung on the cross, they couldn't imagine how this horror could work for good. Yet God's perfect plan was unfolding. You may be in your own "Good Friday" season right now—betrayed, wounded, confused, asking "Where is God?" Please remember: Easter is coming. God promises to work ALL things together for good for those who love Him. Not some things. All things. The pain you're experiencing today, God will use not just for His glory, but specifically for your good. Hold on. Resurrection morning is coming.

Reflection: What "Good Friday" are you experiencing? Can you trust that God is working toward resurrection?

Day 5: Worship with Pain in Your Heart

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Devotional: Jesus wept over Jerusalem even as He ministered. On the day He learned of John the Baptist's execution, He still fed thousands physically and spiritually. Palm Sunday teaches us we can praise God with our lips while still having pain in our hearts. This isn't denial or toxic positivity—it's faith that refuses to let circumstances define God's character. You don't have to pretend everything is fine. Jesus didn't. But you can choose to worship anyway, knowing that your present suffering is producing eternal glory. Whether you're in a "Hosanna" season or a "crucifixion" season, God remains worthy. Keep worshipping. Keep trusting. Keep walking. He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.

Reflection: How can you authentically worship God today while acknowledging your pain? What step of faith is He calling you to take?