

Palm Sunday

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Are we still looking for a King on a warhorse? Are we still trying to make Yeshua fit into our political ideologies or cultural comforts? Do we only shout "Hosanna!" when He gives us what we want and not when He asks for our fully surrendered, crucified life?

The King has come. He rode into the gates of Jerusalem to inaugurate His kingsom of peace, humility, and salvation.

As we enter this Passover and Resurrection week, He invites us not to just wave a palm branch of temporary excitement, but to lay down the cloak of our self-will and allow Him to ride fully into the Jerusalem of our hearts and establish the true everlasting Kingdom.

He is not just "He who comes in the name of the Lord,"; He is the Lord.

Let us lift up our voices, not with shallow zeal, but with deep conviction and passionate, joyous pursuit and cry out: **"Hosanna! Save us, O Lord! We welcome our humble, redeeming King!"**

This week, walk through this guided journal to move from reflection to action this Holy Week.

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Slow your breathing and acknowledge God's Presence, saying, "**Jesus, You are my peace.**"

Remember God is worthy of our surrender not because He meets our expectations, fixes our circumstances, or gives us what we want but because He is God- holy, sovereign, and good.

2. DAILY REPOSITIONING

What truth about God do I need to submit to right now?

What would it look like today to want God more than his gifts or blessings?

3. REPENT

Repentance is not shame- it is realignment. Name it honestly and let it go.

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4. REST IN SHALOM

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MATTHEW 21:1-11 — THE INTENTIONAL KING

Read Matthew 21:1-11 and use the questions below as a guide through the passage and a reflection on how **Jesus deliberately fulfills prophecy as the humble King**.

1. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do?

2. Why does riding a donkey matter?

3. What does Jesus' choice of a donkey reveal about His kingship?

4. How do the crowds respond?

5. What does "Hosanna" show about the crowd's expectations?

6. Where might you want Jesus to meet expectations instead of submitting to Him as King?

7. How can you instead, submit to him as King and let go of your expectations?

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MARK 11:1–11 — THE OBSERVED BUT UNRECOGNIZED KING

Read Mark 11:1-11 and use the questions below as a guide through the passage and a reflection on how **Jesus enters as King but quietly evaluates the spiritual state of His people.**

1. Why might Mark highlight Jesus “looking around at everything”?

2. How is the crowd’s loud excitement different from the calm way Jesus enters the city?

3. What does Jesus’ quiet inspection reveal about His heart and authority?

4. Where might you celebrate Jesus outwardly but miss what He’s actually doing?

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LUKE 19:28–44 — THE WEEPING KING

Read Luke 19:28-44 and use the questions below as a guide through the passage and a reflection on how **Jesus enters His city with compassion and sorrow**.

1. What does Jesus do when He sees Jerusalem?

2. Why does Jesus weep over the city?

3. What does His sorrow reveal about His heart?

4. How does His grief and sorrow deepen your understanding of His humility?

5. What does "Hosanna" show about the crowd's expectations?

6. Where in your life might Jesus be saddened because you're resisting Him or expecting something He never promised?

7. What can you start doing today to submit that to Jesus and surrender to his will?

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JOHN 12:12–19 — THE MISUNDERSTOOD KING

Read John 12:12-19 and use the questions below as a guide through the passage and a reflection on how **Jesus is celebrated loudly but understood poorly**.

1. What does the crowd do when they learn that Jesus is coming?

2. Why does John note that the disciples didn't understand the moment yet?

3. What does the crowd's enthusiasm reveal?

4. What do the Pharisees mean when they say, "You've accomplished nothing? (v. 19)"

5. What does the reaction of the Pharisees reveal about God and who He is?

6. How does this passage expose the difference between admiring Jesus and submitting to Him?

7. Where might your commitment to Jesus be more surface-level, like the crowd's, instead of rooted in who He truly is?

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HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

We should be walking away from this Holy Week guided reflection different than when we entered it. Reflect below on how you have changed and what changes you will take with you.

1. What has this study taught you about Jesus and who he is vs how you have been perceiving Jesus?

2. Psalm Sunday is a public declaration. How can you publicly share the true meaning of Palm Sunday or the Gospel?

3. How did you lay down my cloak of self-will this week?

4. What part(s) of this study can you walk away with and use in your daily walk with Christ? How will you use them?

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