



## Palm Sunday on Easter

### Description

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Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday, in the Christian calendar. This sacred day commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, as crowds laid palm branches and their cloaks on the ground, shouting "Hosanna!" This event fulfills the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, which states, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

### The Triumphant Entry of Jesus

Jesus's entry into Jerusalem was a significant moment in his ministry, symbolizing his role as the Messiah, the promised deliverer of Israel. The crowds hailed him as the Son of David, acknowledging his kingship and welcoming him with joy and adoration. This event is recounted in all four Gospels—Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19—each providing unique perspectives on the event and its significance.

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## Fulfillment of Prophecy

The events of Palm Sunday fulfill Old Testament prophecies, emphasizing Jesus's role as the fulfillment of Scripture. As mentioned earlier, Zechariah 9:9 prophesied the Messiah's humble entry into Jerusalem. Additionally, Psalm 118:25-26, a Messianic psalm, declares, "Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord."

## The Meaning of Palm Branches

The use of palm branches during Jesus's entry holds symbolic significance. In ancient Jewish tradition, palm branches symbolized victory, triumph, and peace. By laying palm branches before Jesus, the people were acknowledging him as their victorious king and expressing their hope for deliverance.

## Conclusion

Palm Sunday serves as a reminder of Jesus's humility, his fulfillment of prophecy, and his eventual sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of humanity. As we commemorate this day, let us echo the praises of the crowd, welcoming Jesus into our hearts and lives with joyful acclamation.

**Salvation Prayers** : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging my need for salvation. I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory. But I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I ask that you come into my heart and be my Lord. I commit to following you and living for you every day. Thank you for your love and for the gift of eternal life. In your name I pray, Amen. **Amen** [If you prayed the above prayers kindly click here to get more information](https://www.xgospel.net/harvest_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true)  
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**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. What event does Palm Sunday commemorate?
  - a) Jesus's resurrection
  - b) Jesus's birth
  - c) Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem
  - d) Jesus's crucifixion
  
2. According to prophecy, how did Jesus enter Jerusalem?
  - a) Riding on a horse
  - b) Walking
  - c) Riding on a donkey
  - d) Riding on a chariot
  
3. Which Old Testament book contains the prophecy about Jesus's humble entry?
  - a) Isaiah
  - b) Zechariah
  - c) Jeremiah
  - d) Malachi
  
4. What did the crowds shout as Jesus entered Jerusalem?
  - a) "Hallelujah!"
  - b) "Hosanna!"
  - c) "Glory to God in the highest!"
  - d) "Long live the king!"
  
5. What do palm branches symbolize in ancient Jewish tradition?
  - a) Sorrow
  - b) Victory and triumph
  - c) Defeat
  - d) Fear

**Discussion Questions**

1. What significance does Jesus's humble entry into Jerusalem hold for Christians today?
2. How does the symbolism of palm branches relate to our understanding of Jesus

as the Messiah?

3. Reflect on the crowds' reaction to Jesus during Palm Sunday. What can we learn from their response?

### FAQs

1. Why is Palm Sunday called "Palm Sunday"?
2. Is Palm Sunday a public holiday?
3. How is Palm Sunday traditionally celebrated in churches?

### Multiple Choice Answers

1. c) Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem
2. c) Riding on a donkey
3. b) Zechariah
4. b) "Hosanna!"
5. b) Victory and triumph

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