

[John 12:1-19](#)

Palm Sunday

1. Christ was born to bring life through His death
 - a. His sacrifice for our sins was the will of the father
 - i. Christ's consideration was the will of the father. Through His obedience, Christ fulfilled every Old Testament prophecy announcing His birth, life, and resurrection. The Greek Old Testament was completed 250 years prior to Christ's birth
 1. The test for the Christian is how we deal with the call to suffer. Christ prepared in prayer, so when the hour came he was ready.
 - b. John 3:13-21 - 13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. 14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever [a]believes will in Him have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His [b]only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the [c]only begotten Son of God. 19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
2. Christ has promised what the Father ordained
 - a. Our disappointment comes when we ignore what has been promised
 - i. It is the additions we make in our doubt, discomfort, and disappointment that disarm us
 1. Christ's submission to the plan brought healing. If we formulate our dreams around what makes us happy, we will find hell. If we submit our life to Christ, we will find healing.
 - b. Matthew 7:13-14 - 13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
 - c. Mark 11:1-11 (although the fulfillment of prophesy, their mindset was based on patriotism and not submission) - 11 As they *approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He *sent two of His disciples, 2 and *said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you

enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he [a]will send it back here." 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they *untied it. 5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission. 7 They *brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;

Hosanna in the highest!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

- d. Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
He is [a]just and endowed with salvation,
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,
Even on a colt, the [b]foal of a donkey.
3. Christ's obedience is HIS glory
- a. He didn't make it about Himself
 - i. The forgiveness Christ expressed for sinful evil acts is the model for our live
 - 1. The heart of a Christian that cannot obediently forgive is failing
 - 2. Christ, who was innocent of all wrong, took the cross and committed Himself to the Father without reservation
 - a. He did not call for justice, but for mercy - that those who had acted against Him come to see and know the reality of God's Kingdom
 - i. It only is through Christ that we come and it is only in Christ that we remain
 - b. Luke 23:33-49 - 33 When they came to the place called [a]The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34 [b]But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. 35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him,

saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the [c]Christ of God, His Chosen One." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" 38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was [d]hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the [e]Christ? Save Yourself and us!" 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving [f]what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come [g]in Your kingdom!" 43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

44 It was now about [h]the sixth hour, and darkness [i]fell over the whole land until [j]the ninth hour, 45 [k]because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn [l]in two. 46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was [m]innocent." 48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, [n]beating their breasts. 49 And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.