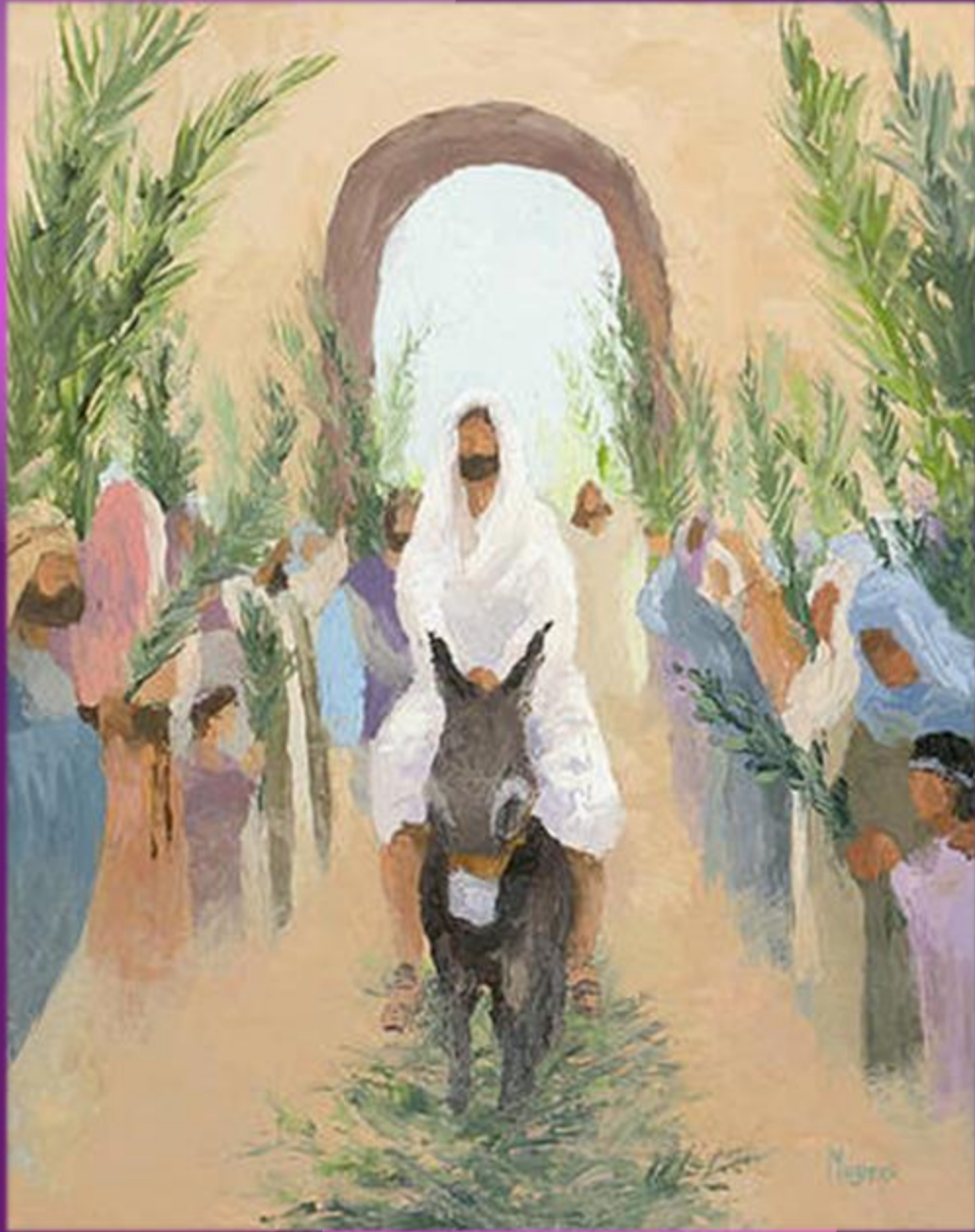


# THE KING IS COMING!

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## Matthew 21:1-11

**1** Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. **3** And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."  
**4** All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: **5** "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

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**6** So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. **8** And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" **10** And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" **11** So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

# Today we're celebrating Palm Sunday

- 1. What is Palm Sunday?**
2. Why was Palm Sunday significant?
- 3. Where did Palm Sunday take place?**
4. When did Palm Sunday occur?
- 5. How was Palm Sunday enacted?**
6. Who was Palm Sunday about?

# Lessons from Palm Sunday Events

- 1. God's perfect timing**
2. Prophecy fulfilled -
- 3. Contrasting kingdoms**
4. Hidden in plain sight
- 5. The temporary nature of human praise**

# Lessons from Jesus' Words and Actions

- 1. Deliberate obedience to God**
2. Compassion amid celebration
- 3. Courage in confrontation**
4. Authority with humility
- 5. Focus on His mission**

# Lessons from the People's Words and Actions

- 1. Recognition without commitment**
2. Misplaced expectations
- 3. Superficial praise**
4. Religious resistance
- 5. The courage of the committed (the disciples)**



## How can we respond?

1. **Worship Jesus for who He truly is**
2. Examine our own "Hosannas"
3. **Look for the unexpected ways - God works in our lives,**
4. Share both the triumph and suffering of Christ
5. Prepare our hearts for Holy Week
6. **Spread our "cloaks" before Jesus**
7. Be willing to be a "donkey" that carries Jesus to others—humble instruments He can use to reveal Himself to the world.

# Closing Reflections

**Which crowd we would have been in:**

- 1. Those shouting praise without understanding**
2. The disciples struggling to comprehend but following anyway
- 3. The religious leaders resisting the new thing God was doing**
4. The curious onlookers asking, "Who is this?"

## Closing Prayer

**Let us pray that, unlike Jerusalem which missed "the time of visitation," we would recognise Christ's presence and purpose in our lives today.**