

Palm Sunday: The Real Reason for Jesus Coming

Luke 19:28-44 & Mark 11:1-11.



- ◆ The owners of the Titanic were under the delusion that nothing could go wrong on its first journey—however, with hindsight we know that was not the case—tragedy struck. All we human beings are on a journey—so many are under the delusion that nothing could go wrong. But things do go wrong, coronavirus reminds us of that. Life is fragile. Our choice concerning Jesus Christ affects our eternal destination—heaven or hell
- ◆ Easter is about a rescue mission... but tragically many people do not realise they have to be rescued (Romans 3:23, Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 4:4).. What's the problem?

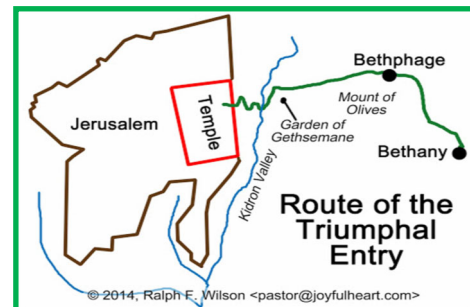
There are three great Feasts on the Jewish Calendar

- ◆ Feast of Unleavened
- ◆ Feast of Weeks—Feast of Harvest
- ◆ Feast of Tabernacles (or Booth's)

The Feast of Passover... would Jesus attend? Jews came to Jerusalem from all over the Roman world during this week of celebrating the exodus from Egypt (Exodus 12: 37-51).

1. What was happening on “ _____ Sunday”?

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, .. Vs 1..



Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. Jesus said: If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. Mark 11:1-7

The events of Palm Sunday give us insight into why Jesus came to planet earth

- The triumphal entry...Jesus came—not like a victorious Roman general riding in a gold chariot surrounded by officers, treasures and prisoners— but... *See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey .. Zechariah 9:9*

- ◆ Our Lord's ride into Jerusalem involved a donkey, some garments thrown on the ground and the praises of some non-descript Passover Pilgrims. It was the only time Jesus permitted a public demonstration on His behalf. He did it to force the Jewish leaders to act during the Passover .. Matthew 26:3-5..

Why had Jesus come?

2. From the _____ point of view

- ◆ The crowds were excited because they had waited 1000 years for what they thought this event represented. They were waiting for the kings throne to be filled with another David.....1000 years before while King David was on the throne the nation of Israel had enjoyed its most prosperous period. The Jews ever since had looked back to this period and wished it would come again. They wanted a strong nation again.

How do we know it was Nationalism? Because:

a). What the people _____ (words)

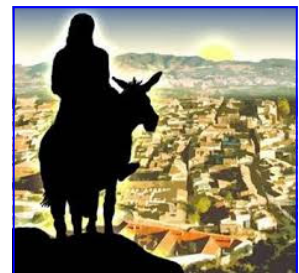
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! (10) Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest! Mark 11:9,10

- ◆ "Hosanna" is the transliteration of the Hebrew "save now". The people recognised Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9.. "Hosanna" was not so much a cry of praise but "save us" from our enemies the Romans

b). What they _____ (actions)

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Mark 11:8...

- ◆ 2 Kings 9:13... Jehu is made king over Israel and **garments** are put under his feet.. Jehu was the king who destroyed wicked Ahab and Jezebel... Connection?.. The people hoped Jesus was going to destroy the "wicked" Romans
- ◆ The significance of palm branches?...Simon Macabee was the leader of a successful revolt against the Romans and when he rode into Jerusalem as victor they laid palm branches down
- ◆ The crowd completely misunderstood Jesus' mission... Do you and I really understand why Jesus came to planet earth?.. Mark 10:45... we have a sin problem to be dealt with!



3. From _____ point of view

Luke 19:41-44... *As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city He wept over it ... (verse 44)*

He wept on the donkey because He knew disaster was coming ..

- ◆ *Jesus came to His own people but they received Him not* John 1:11 To reject Jesus ultimately means a hell destination
- ◆ *If anyone's name was not found in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire...* Revelation 20:15...
- ◆ If only people noticed what Jesus was riding. A military leader would have chosen a magnificent horse to ride on—but Jesus came on a donkey
- ◆ *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* 2 Peter 3:9..
- ◆ Jesus came to bring God's peace—achieved by His sacrificial death on a cross—(not by conquering the Romans!). All we need to do is:

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
Acts 3:19

After the “triumphal” entry: *Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.* Mark 11:11

The next day: Mark 11:15... *On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.* Mark 11:15,16.

- ◆ Jesus wants to clean out the “temple” of our lives.... Cleansing us of our sin and making us whole.. 1 John 1:9..
- ◆ How much do we weep over the destination of those who don't follow Jesus? What am I prepared to do (“Just Walk across the Room”) to help introduce people to Jesus?...
- ◆ Don't follow the crowd—soon they shouted “crucify Him”. Instead, follow Jesus - all the days of our lives...
- We have our marching orders... the Great Commission... Matthew 28:18-20..