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## PALM SUNDAY

### Jesus' Triumphant Entry

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup> “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, <sup>5</sup> “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt.’” <sup>6</sup> The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!” **Matthew 21:1-9 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt. **Zechariah 9:9 NLT**

- Jesus’ purpose in riding into Jerusalem was to make public His claim to be their Messiah.
- The people didn’t believe in Jesus as savior but wanted a temporal deliverer, one that would overthrow the Romans.
- He rode to the temple, where He taught the people, healed them, and drove out the moneychangers and merchants.

<sup>17</sup> He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves.” **Mark 11:17 NLT**

- Jesus didn’t meet their expectations.
- What happens when Jesus doesn’t meet our expectations?

### The Last Supper

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?” <sup>18</sup> “As you go into the city,” he told them, “you will see a certain man. Tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.’” <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. <sup>20</sup> When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> While they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, “Am I the one, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He replied, “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!” <sup>25</sup> Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, “Rabbi, am I the one?” And Jesus told him, “You have said it.” <sup>26</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. <sup>29</sup> Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.” <sup>30</sup> Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives. **Matthew 26:17-30 NLT**

- Jesus knew He was being betrayed.
- Jesus knows.
- Jesus was establishing something powerful to remind us of his love for us.

### Next steps for me today...

- Surrender to Jesus as savior.
- Worship Him for who He really is.