Palm Sunday: Still In The Palm Of God’s Hand

# Job 12:10 (NKJV)

**10**In whose hand *is* the life of every living thing,  
And the breath of all mankind?

# John 12:12-16 (NKJV)

**12**The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

**13**took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

“Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’  
The King of Israel!”

**14**Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

**15**“Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

**16**His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

*Palm branches are a symbol of victory, triumphal peace, and eternal life. Hosanna means help or save us now. Riding into a city on a donkey symbolized arrival in peace rather than war, when Jesus comes again He will be riding a white horse for battle….*

*5 Things about Palm Sunday that Remind Us Christ is King*

1. God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.

*“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”*[*1 Cor. 15:55*](https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-corinthians/15-55.html)

2. Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of [Zech. 9:9](https://www.biblestudytools.com/zechariah/9-9.html). In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace.

*"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."*[*Zech. 9:9*](https://www.biblestudytools.com/zechariah/9-9.html)

3. When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" Ps. 118:26*

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9*

4. The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior.

*"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes."*[*Luke 19:41-42*](https://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/passage/?q=luke+19:41-42)

5. Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'"*[*John 11:25*](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/11-25.html)

We have so much to be grateful for this week. The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win.

In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King...

Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone. Grace. *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*[*2 Cor. 9:15*](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-corinthians/9-15.html)