

The Triumphal Entry – PALM SUNDAY

Text: Luke 19:28-44

Introduction: Palm Sunday is the start of Christianity's most significant time of the year – HOLY WEEK! – The Remembrance of Jesus' Last week on Earth!

PALM SUNDAY -- Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem!

Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem – Recorded in all 4 gospels

- **Matthew 21:1-11** Matthew emphasizes the Fulfillment of Prophecy – **Zachariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- **Mark 11:1-11** Mark provides a Concise Account – mentioning people spreading cloaks and leafy branches, proclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- **John 12:12-19** John is the only Gospel Explicitly mentioning Palm Branches
- **Luke – TEXT –** Mentions Jesus Stopping the PARADE and openly Weeping over Jerusalem

Why a Donkey??? – Why not a WAR HORSE or a ROYAL CHARIOT or an ANGELIC HOST?

- *An ANGELIC HOST would signal the end of Human Rule – End of Free Will – End of GRACE*
- *A Warhorse or Royal Chariot would symbolize an Earthly CONQUERER of an Earthly Kingdom*
- *A Donkey SYMBOLIZES a KING WHO COMES IN PEACE!*
- *A Donkey SYMBOLIZES HUMILITY – A Lowly Animal – A Common Animal used by the lower classes of society*

What laid Ahead for our Savior? JESUS KNEW!!!

Luke 9:28-31 ... he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

What was on the Mind of Jesus as he was traveling in the "PARADE" going to Jerusalem on the 1st Palm Sunday? JESUS KNEW ALL THINGS THAT AWAITED HIM BUT HE WENT ANYWAY!

I wish to quickly mention 10 things that Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!

- (1) *He would be Betrayed by Judas and all the other disciples - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (2) *The Religious Leaders would Reject HIS MINISTRY - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (3) *He would be unjustly tried & convicted w/ lies & ½ truths - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (4) *He would be slapped & spit upon by the religious leaders - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (5) *He would be mocked and ridiculed by Herod - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (6) *He would be mocked by soldiers and crowned with thorns - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (7) *He would be rejected by the crowd & a murderer accepted - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (8) *He would be whipped and beaten beyond recognition - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (9) *He would die the cruelest of deaths on a cross - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*
- (10) *He would lose fellowship with God while on the cross - Jesus Knew – But HE WENT ANYWAY!*

Closing: If Jesus knew these things – WHY DID JESUS GO ANYWAY? SIMPLY 2 REASONS!!!!

1. In Obedience to the FATHER! IT WAS THE FATHER'S WILL!!!

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

2. JESUS KNEW- His Death on the Cross was LOST HUMANITY ONLY Hope of SALVATION!

Isaiah 53:4-6 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.