

Palm Sunday – Praise

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Zechariah 9:9 (NLT) 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.

John 1:29 (NIV) The next day John (the baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Revelation 5:11–12 (NKJV) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

Matthew 21:6–9 (NIV) The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

1. The first response: they extended palm branches on the ground and waved them in honour of Jesus!

Matthew 21:8 (NLT) 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.

Luke 19:37 (NIV) When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

(1) Our response should be to praise Him!

Psalms 105:1–3 (NLT) Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. ²Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. ³Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

(2) Worship is not a style: it is our response to God!

Romans 15:9–11 (NLT) He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote: For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing praises to your name."

¹⁰And in another place it is written, Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles."

¹¹And yet again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles. Praise him, all you people of the earth."

(3) Worship is not a cultural expression; it is a heavenly expression!

Revelation 7:9–10 (NLT) After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they were shouting with a great roar, Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

(4) Worship is not for me but for Him!

2. The second response: they laid their garments at His feet!

2 Kings 9:13 (NLT) Then they quickly spread out their cloaks on the bare steps and blew the ram s horn, shouting, "Jehu is king!"

(1) Worship is an act of surrender; it is placing oneself under His authority!

Psalms 95:6–7 (NIV) Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; ⁷for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

(2) Worship is more than words; it is a heart condition!

- **Worship is not about performance, it is about posture.**

Isaiah 29:13 (NLT) And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote."

Psalms 51:17 (NLT) The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

3. The third response: they expressed their passion for Jesus !

Luke 19:37–38 the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

(1) It was not silent or formal, it was heartfelt and bold "with a loud voice"!

(2) It was not to seek attention, it was seeing Jesus for who He is !

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV) therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Luke 19:39–40 (NIV) Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Continually offer praise, the fruit of our lips = Our calling and ministry!