

# Sermon Based Bible Study

## PALM SUNDAY

Start with a time of worship: Watch, listen, and sing along to "Hosanna":

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=68&v=YApEljvE6S4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=68&v=YApEljvE6S4&feature=emb_logo)

1. Read and compare the Palm Sunday accounts in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40 and John 12:12-19.
2. Observe the actions and attitudes of Jesus: Discuss all that you observe about Christ. For example – what did Jesus do? What did He say? To whom was He speaking?
3. Read Revelation 19:11 – in this verse, John is speaking of Jesus as the one called 'Faithful' and 'True.' What is Jesus riding on in this verse?
4. This is the beginning of the final act in the life of Christ on earth. He was entering Jerusalem to officially present Himself as their King. It is important to note something about the culture: It was customary that a king would enter the city on a white horse after a victorious battle but during a time of peace, the king rode in on a donkey. (See Judges 5:10; 1 Kings 1:33)
5. What message might Jesus have been trying to communicate by entering on a donkey and not on a white horse?
6. Observe the response of the People: What are some of the responses of the people? We note that the crowds that went ahead of Jesus were shouting:

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"*

- "Hosanna" literally means "Save Now"
  - "Son of David" was a Messianic title for Jesus
7. What is your response to Jesus? Do you believe He is your Savior? This is the most important decision you will ever make.
  8. How can your family publically and verbally praise God today? Find someone to share God's goodness with today and do so!
  9. Pray with your family...
    - Thank God for sending His Son so that we might have life.
    - Ask God to help you and your family recognize His goodness and for the courage to praise Him as you share His goodness to at least one person every day this week.

### Family Activity: Palm Leaf Activity

Instructions: Trace and cut out a palm leaf for each member of the family from a piece of green felt or green paper. As a family, decide what you will give praise to God for this week. Using a permanent marker, write your family's praise to God then display the leaf in a prominent place in your home for the entire week. As you pray daily, thank God for all that He has given you and your family. Finally, watch and sing the opening song again, Hosanna, and wave your branches and praised the Lord.