

## Palm Sunday: Serving The Shepherd King

Welcome to Palm Sunday Services at Solid Rock.

### I. What is Palm Sunday?

- A. The day, a week before Jesus was crucified, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and Israel welcomed Him as their next king.

Matthew 21:1-11

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The 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!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

- 1. The Israelites wanted a King who would deliver them from Roman oppression.
  - 2. Once again they would be a nation free from the tyranny of their oppressors.
- B. They wanted a King who would do what they could not... Or would not do...
    - 1. If this guy will step up and defy the Romans... I'll follow him.

### II. Society in the world is no different today.

- A. I want someone to right the wrongs, to make it better, we need a leader to lead...
  - 1. Someone who will stop this virus...
  - 2. Someone who will make us safe...
  - 3. We need someone who will make a difference...
- B. Most of the world has chosen a King and they want Him to fix it.
  - 1. A world leader, a world health organization, a country...
- C. Everyone chooses someone to follow...
  - 1. Once you follow them, you are serving them...

### III. You are either going to serve the king of fear... Or The King Of Peace...

- A. If you are following the media and the world you are following the king of fear...
- B. If you follow Jesus... you are following the King of Peace...

Vs. 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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### C. King Jesus is a Shepherd King...

1. He doesn't live in a palace telling us what to do.
2. He lives with us and within us...

Showing us and empowering us to do what is needed...

### IV. Over the last two months in our Good Shepherd Sermon Series, Jesus has been showing us what it is like to live under the Lordship of The Shepherd King...

#### Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*The Lord is my Shepherd*, I have a personal relationship with Him.

*I shall not want*, He doesn't want me to fail and He wants all of my deepest needs fulfilled.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.* He wants me to rest in Him so I am refreshed to walk wherever He leads me.

*He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.* He does not ask me to follow Him until I am restored and empowered by His Holy Spirit. Following Him on His path of righteousness I will go places that only the Shepherd has access to.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

I am walking on a journey where I have continuous conversation and interaction with my Shepherd. He is always there because He knows this walk will tire and weaken me.

*Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* Lord your power, instruction, rescue and salvation are constantly with me...

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.* You elevate me and bless me in the presence of the world around me. You set me at your table so I can feast on trust, faith, security, hope, healing, love, joy, and peace...

*You anoint my head with oil;* You have anointed me to be a CHILD OF THE KING, a PRIEST IN YOUR SERVICE, A WARRIOR AND NOT A WORRIER!

*my cup overflows.* Lord, not only do I have enough... Your blessings overflow from me into the world around me.

*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*

Lord when I follow you I leave goodness, love and mercy everywhere I go.

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V. The last verse of Psalm 23 deals with choice.

Verse 6b and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A. We do not get to choose when we die.

1. Death is the King of fear in the world right now.

Psalm 39:16

Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained\* for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

a. Death is a real fear until you come to this reality...

b. We all die... That's not the choice we get to make...

B. The choice we get to make is... How we die.

1 Peter 2:24-25

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"\* and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

VI. Salvation Message and Prayer

A. With Jesus as our Shepherd King we can now say with confidence...

As David did in Psalm 23:6

...and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.