



Resurrection 2011

Palm Sunday

Cleansing house...

There are three things that take place during the first 24 hours of what we call Palm Sunday—the day that the Messiah enters Jerusalem as King of Kings.

A. **Triumphal Entry** *Mark 11:7-10; Zech 9:9*

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”

(1) **Hosanna:** The people were shouting and praising God from Psalm 118, the last Hallel Psalm. This was a recognized Messianic song and was the reason the religious leaders were so upset.

(2) **Crucify Him:** A few days later many that sang “Hosanna” shouted ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him.’

What about me?

Has Jesus made a triumphal entry into your life?

Can you sing out ‘Hosanna?’ (*Save now*)

Where He leads...will you follow?

Talk to Him: Receive Christ as your Savior today!

B. **Cleansing the Temple** *Mark 11:11; 15-17*

The key thought here is that Jesus is overturning the sacrificial system and opening a new way to God—through His blood.

(1) **Going to the Temple:** After entering Jerusalem Jesus went to the Temple and found that nothing much had changed since he last came there on Passover. (*See John 2:13-17*)

(2) **Looking around:** The phrase ‘looked around’ means to fully inspect or investigate. Jesus had the full right and authority to inspect the Temple. (*See Malachi 3:1-4*)

(3) **A house of prayer:** The next day Jesus returns to the Temple and cleanses the court of the Gentiles where the marketing of Passover was taking place. (*See Isa 56:7*)

What about me?

Have you let Jesus inspect your life?

What would He find if He were to look around all the ‘rooms’ in your life?

Talk to Him: “If I would confess my sins today He is faithful and just to forgive me all of my sins and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness.” *1 John 1:9 Personalized*

C. **Judging the Nation** *Mark 11:12-14; John 15:10-11*

“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love...

These things I have spoken to you, that

My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

(1) **The fig tree:** The fig tree in the Old Testament was a metaphor for the nation of Israel. Jesus looked at Israel and saw that it was like the fig tree—leaves but no fruit. From a distance the leaves should have meant there was fruit on the tree—but there was none.

What about me?

God is the ultimate fruit inspector. Is there measurable ‘spiritual’ fruit in your life? *See John 15:1-11*
Are you committed to living a Biblically-based, God-glorifying life?

Talk to Him: “Because of your grace, the saving cleansing work of the cross—Lord I will serve You and obey Your Word. ‘I will be that ‘good and faithful servant.’” (*See Matt 5:14-30*)

Mark 11:7-18 (NKJV)

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“**Hosanna!**

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!”

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it.