**Palm Sunday: He is Savior, Servant & Sovereign**

We are a society that celebrates red carpet events. From movie and music awards to international diplomats, we know that when there is a red carpet, something special is about to happen and someone important and influential will soon be walking on it. The custom goes back before Christ and symbolizes a. king’s victorious return home from battle.

Today, we are celebrating what is known as the Triumphal Entry when Jesus entered Jerusalem just before His death. The people didn’t have access to a red carpet, but they did have clothes and palm branches. As Jesus came into town, they were celebrating Him as Messiah, the Savior, the Miracle worker, the one who miraculously fed thousands with only a few loaves and fish.

We are still celebrating Him as King. Please take your fronds and lift them as worship unto our King as we read the word this morning.

**Matthew 21:1-9** Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.  Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

Hosannah: Save now!

Yawshah: Save

Naw: Now please, we pray

It was a declaration of salvation, praise to the Savior, and a plea for rescue from oppression.

They used the palm fronds to roll out the red carpet for their King.

But before the palm leaves, there were donkeys.

**Luke 19:30-35** “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”  Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

Why a donkey?

**Deuteronomy 17:16** The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.”

Also, a victorious conquering King came in on a horse. Jesus did not come to overthrow Rome, but the pride, immorality, and brutality not just of the Romans but of the sin and the curse.

Jesus came as the **Suffering Servant**.

**Matthew 20:28** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

When He comes back, however, He will come as a conquering King.

**Revelation 19:11-16** I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

He is the King of Heaven, the Commander of Heaven’s armies, His name is Jesus!

Palm fronds us - Hosannah! Hosannah in the highest (3x)

**Luke 19:30** Go into the village opposite you, where, as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat.

God is doing a new thing. His principles never change, but His methods always do. Parable of wineskins.

**Isaiah 43:18-19** Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; do you perceive it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Many look back at what God did and miss what He is doing. He wants to do a new thing in me, in you, in your family, in this church, in this city, and in the world.

Can you hear it? Do you perceive it?

**Luke 19:30** …Loose it and bring it here…

There are things that are tied up. Things God desires you to have, but it is blocked, tied up, or withheld. Whether it be finances, a home, a church, a job. The Lord is saying that now is the season of Jubilee, a season of release.

***\*Daniel, 21 days***

**Matthew 16:19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

This isn’t name it and claim it witchcraft dressed up as faith. Notice the Lord (owner, Master) said. If Jesus said for it to be loosed, then it shall be. I could say Lazarus come out but if He didn’t say nothing will happen, but if He said it then Lazerus MUST come out!

Why did He say to untie the donkeys?

**Luke 19:31** “…if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’”

It’s not about what you want but what the Lord is doing. What is His will, plan, or desire?

**1 John 5:14-15** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Are there things in your life that you know God wants for you but it seems like they are tied up?

Freedom from addiction? A lack of clarity for your life and purpose? A Job, a house, a relationship? First, pray if it is truly God’s will then begin to bind the enemy and loose the Holy Spirit. To bind pride, rebellion, and anxiety and loose peace, protection, and provision.

**Luke 19:33-35** But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”  Then they brought him to Jesus.

The owner, the one who had legal and financial control over the donkey, loosed it at Jesus’ command. They didn’t ride off with it or try to get on it themselves. They brought is to Jesus because the Lord had need of it.

As a result, those that had the donkey tied up immediately let it go, because the Lord needed it.

**Proverbs 13:22** A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

**Proverbs 21:1** The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

He is sovereign and in control. He will never override someone’s free will – that’s witchcraft and demonic – but He does influence, speak, and move upon the minds and hearts of people to enable them to come into alignment with His will and desire.

***\*Pharaoh***

**Luke 19:35-36** Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

They exalted Jesus and worshipped Him.

Worship: Humility, faith, obedience, & sacrifice.

He is on the throne and in the driver’s seat. Not you not me. This was the sin of satan. He wanted to be in control and getting the worship and the glory that belongs only to Jesus!

**Luke 19:39-40** And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

**John 12:32** And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

Hosannah! Be lifted up and exalted above every need, every name, and every stronghold. We need Your salvation from sin and oppression, from ourselves, and from the enemy. In Jesus name! We honor You with our lives and roll out the red carpet for You King Jesus. We offer You the palm fronds of our worship and of our lives.

He is Savior, He is Servant, He is Soverign. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

1. Repent of rebellion and not bringing it to Jesus
2. Recommit to Jesus on the throne and driver’s seat of your life
3. Loose it (sin, stronghold, or obstacle) and bring it to Jesus