

Palm Sunday March 23rd & 24th, 2013

John 12:12-19

Jesus was greeted by a large crowd during His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem *John 12:12*

- ❖ The Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem was prophesied by the prophet Zechariah in 520 B.C.!
Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
↳ Jesus fulfilled every prophecy concerning the Messiah!
- ❖ Luke's gospel tells that Jesus was met by the crowds, who were praising God for all the miracles they had seen, as He came down from the Mount of Olives.
Luke 19:37 "As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,"
- ❖ Jesus knew what would happen to Him in Jerusalem, and He willingly went to fulfill the eternal plan of Almighty God and give His life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin!

Isaiah 53

- ✓ Jesus would bear all of our griefs and sorrows. *Isaiah 53:4*
- ✓ Jesus would be wounded, bruised, chastened and scourged for our transgressions. *Isaiah 53:5*
- ✓ Jesus would bear the punishment for our sins against God. *Isaiah 53:6*
- ✓ Jesus would allow Himself to be led like an innocent lamb to the slaughter. *Isaiah 53:7*
↳ Jesus is our Passover Lamb!
1 Corinthians 5:7 "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."
- ✓ Jesus would die as a criminal in the eyes of most of the people. *Isaiah 53:12*
- ✓ Jesus would pour out His soul to death. *Isaiah 53:12*

Jesus was greeted with Palm branches on His way to Jerusalem *John 12:13*

- ❖ Why did the crowd use Palm branches?
 - ♦ The people were to rejoice before the Lord with palm branches.
Leviticus 23:40 "And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days."
 - ♦ Solomon covered the doors to the temple and the temple walls with cherubim and palm trees.
1 Kings 6:29-36
 - ♦ Ezekiel saw many palm trees in his visions.
Ezekiel 41:18-26
- Romans 1:20 "For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. ..."*
- Psalms 92:12 "The righteous flourish like the palm tree..."*

Every Nation will one day worship before the Lord with palm branches in their hands.

Revelation 7:9-10 "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

❖ **Indeed, Salvation belongs to our God! Hosanna!**