

## **Palm Sunday**

### **A Different Kind of Conqueror**

#### **HEAR IT**

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#### **READ IT**

Luke 19:36-38

Key Verses:

“As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed in the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

6:20-22

#### **REVIEW IT**

At the time of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, some people were expecting perhaps a warrior or a leader who would defeat the Romans by force. But even the fact that he was riding a young colt or donkey was symbolic of humility.

Jesus was not a conqueror who expected the praise of men-he was more. He was humble.

Jesus was not a conqueror who sought to force others to accept his will-he was more. He was submissive to the will of the Father.

Jesus was not a conqueror who demanded the obedience of others- he was more. He himself sought to be obedient to God the Father, even unto death.

Jesus would conquer not by force but with love, grace and mercy.

Jesus would bring forth a new kingdom but it would be in the hearts of people.

Jesus would offer people freedom but it would be spiritual freedom.

JESUS WOULD NOT KILL TO CONQUER BUT HE WOULD CONQUER BY ALLOWING HIS OWN DEATH ON A CROSS.

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF VICTORY:

Victory based in the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Victory based in our understanding that Jesus Christ would be our substitution- standing in our place- accepting the punishment meant for us.

Victory based on the new way to God... new life through Jesus Christ. The door to salvation has now been opened.

In the end, the DEATH OF DEATH was accomplished by Christ on the Cross.

## DISCUSS IT

The big question always is:

## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

Talk about or think about what it means for you personally. Do you accept Jesus as your Savior? Do you believe He is the Son of God? He loves you more than is imaginable. He created you uniquely and wants a relationship with you.

## PRAY IT

Dear Lord, Today I praise you. Hosanna! I praise you for your love, your mercy, your gentleness, your humility. Lord, truly, make me more like you. Amen.

## APPLY IT

Think of a creative way to tell the Palm Sunday story to your family. Make palm branches. Reinact the spreading of cloaks and waving of palm branches. Check out this favorite book of ours for kids: ***Humphrey's First Palm Sunday*** by Carol Heyer. Beautifully illustrated! Also, for adults and teens, the movie ***Risen*** is a fictional account of a Roman centurion who is tasked with finding the body of Christ after it "disappears" from the tomb. What he discovers changes his life forever. A beautiful telling from a non-believer's point of view.