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A Palm Sunday Reflection

Introduction: The Week That Changed Everything

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the most significant week in human history — the final days of Jesus before His crucifixion and resurrection. It's the day He entered Jerusalem, not as a political revolutionary or military commander, but as the Prince of Peace, riding on a donkey.

But what does that really mean for us today?

This short devotional will walk you through the key moments of that week — and the deeper meaning behind each one — reminding us that Jesus came to bring peace, not just to Jerusalem, but to our hearts.

The Unexpected King

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey.”

— Zechariah 9:9

Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10th day of Nissan — the same day every Jewish family would select a spotless lamb for the Passover sacrifice.

While the people cried out *“Hosanna!”* (meaning “Save us!”), they were hoping for a king who would overthrow Rome. But Jesus came to conquer something far greater: sin and death.

The donkey was not a symbol of weakness, but of purpose. In ancient times, a king riding a donkey meant he came in peace, not war. Jesus was declaring His mission — to bring peace between God and man, through the cross.

A Cleansing of the Heart

When Jesus arrived at the temple, what He found was heartbreaking. The outer courts, meant for worship — especially for Gentiles — had become a marketplace.

People were being overcharged for sacrificial animals. Temple currency was required, with unfair exchange rates. The poor and foreign visitors were being exploited in a place meant for prayer and encounter.

So Jesus responded with righteous anger. He flipped tables. He cleansed the temple. And He reminded them:

“My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves.”

Today, we are the temple. God's Spirit lives in us. Which raises the question:

What needs to be cleansed in your life?

Are there attitudes, habits, or patterns that dishonor His presence in you?

The Passover Lamb

That same week, Jesus gathered His disciples to celebrate the Passover — a meal meant to remember how God spared Israel through the blood of a lamb.

But this night would be different. Jesus redefined the meal.

“This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.”

Just like the lamb's blood on the doorpost brought mercy and spared judgment in Egypt, Jesus was declaring that His blood would cover us, so that we too would receive grace instead of wrath.

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Communion is more than tradition — it's a holy reminder that we have been saved by the final Lamb of God, chosen to die in our place.

Prepare Your Heart

Before we take communion, Scripture teaches us to examine ourselves:

- Is there unconfessed sin in your life?
- Are there broken relationships you need to mend?
- Is there something God is asking of you — and you haven't said yes?

The Apostle Paul wrote:

“Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

— 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Jesus came to cleanse the temple, and He still comes to cleanse hearts today. Let Him cleanse yours.

Conclusion: Give Me Jesus

“He's all that I want. He's all that I need. Give me Jesus.”

In the end, Palm Sunday isn't just about the palms or the donkey or the crowd shouting *“Hosanna.”* It's about the King who came in peace, who laid down His life to give you freedom, grace, and eternal life.

This Holy Week, don't rush through the motions. Reflect. Surrender. Praise.

Let your heart shout:

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

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