



“Your King Is Coming”

Zechariah 9:9-10

Palm Sunday

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The View Of Palm Sunday In Zechariah's Day.

1. A brief historical clip for perspective.
2. The substance and purpose of this message for those people. (9-10)

The View Of Palm Sunday In Jesus' Day.

1. Reviewing the familiar scene. (cf. Luke 19:28-44)
2. What the people saw and did not see. (9-10)
3. The results of their view. (cf. Matthew 27:20-26)

The View of Palm Sunday In Our Day.

1. The truth God wants you to see. (9-10; cf. John 14:1-4, 18; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
2. The results God wants to see in you. (1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:2-3)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Zechariah 9:1-10. God gave Zechariah this message about 500 years before Christ to help the people who had returned to Israel and Jerusalem realign their priorities based on the certainty that their king, the Messiah, is coming.

Many of them responded positively, at least for a while. What does this tell you about God's care for His People.? What does it tell you about the people themselves?

Tuesday. Read Luke 19:28-44. Today think about the *original* Palm Sunday—Jesus entering Jerusalem to shouts, songs and waving of palm branches welcoming Him as king. Why do you think the people's shouts and gospel accounts cite Zechariah 9:9 but not verse 10?

As you read Luke's account, how did Jesus feel on this day of *great celebration*?

In less than a week the same Passover crowds turned into a mob demanding Jesus' death (see Matthew 27:20-26). What happened? Why the turnaround? What lessons does this teach us about people, including ourselves?

Wednesday. Jesus, *your* king, is coming again! Yes, there are a number of views on the timing and order of His return, but Scripture is clear on the fact that Jesus *is* coming again. Does this reality really affect your perspective, priorities and actions today? If so, how? If not, why not?

Thursday. Today we remember Jesus' last Passover with the disciples, His betrayal, arrest and sham trials. Quietly, reflectively read Matthew 26:17-68 as you focus on Christ on His way to death on a cross for you.

Friday/Saturday. *Good Friday*—good for us. Read Matthew 27:11-56. If you are doing this before our Good Friday service, use this passage to prepare for the service. If you are doing this after the service, reflect again on Christ's sacrifice for you and begin to focus on His victory over death and our Easter celebration. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 in preparation for our Easter celebration.

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