

## **SERMON: THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

### **Mark 11:8-11**

**(8) And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. (9) And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: (10) Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. (11) And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.**

### **Introduction**

During Christ's physical time on earth, it was common for the common people throughout the Roman Empire to greet royalty by waving palm branches and strewing them on the path of the royal individual. The palm was itself a symbol of victory. Roman generals and their armies often carried palms in triumphal processions returning from battle. So, this same impromptu activity occurred when Jesus entered Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. This Sunday was the beginning of the week that would change the course of human history. This week was filled with many contrasts. This week included the "worst of the worst" and the "best of the best." Let's look at some of these events and extract some spiritual and practical truths.

### **Exposition**

#### **1. The Entry Of A Humble King.**

(Jesus Entered Riding A Donkey.)  
(The Fulfillment Of A Prophecy-Zechariah 9:9.)

#### **2. Righteous Indignation.**

(Jesus Cleansed The Temple.)  
(We Should Ask Him To Cleanse Our Temples-Our Hearts.)  
(Let's Not Forget Our Bodies Also Are Temples.)

#### **3. Betrayal And Abandonment.**

(Judas Betrayed Jesus With A Kiss.)  
(The Other Disciples Ran For Cover.)

#### **4. A Fickle Crowd.**

(The Hosannas Turn Into "Crucify Him" In Less Than A Week.)  
(Sometimes Life Can Be Like A Roller Coaster.)

## **5. Unnecessary Grief, Because His Followers Ignored His Words.**

(Jesus Said On The Third Day He Would Rise Again.)

(We Need The Whole Counsel Of God.)

(Satan Wants Us To Dismiss Or Distort God's Word.)

(Remember Adam And Eve With The Forbidden Fruit.)

### **Closing Thoughts**

Many scientific discoveries and political movements have changed the course of human history. Even as I write, anyone fifty and older can see how the internet, the cell phone, social media, and overnight shipping have changed our society. We all know how the pandemic has permanently changed our lives. However, nothing compares to what Jesus did during the first Holy Week. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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