

Palm Sunday

Pekin First Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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Palm Sunday is sometimes called the “Triumphal Entry”

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Mark 11:1-11
- Luke 19:28-44
- John 12:12-19

Matthew 21:1-11 (NLT)

¹“As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ²“Go into the village over there,” He said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

⁴This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

***⁵“Tell the people of Jerusalem, (Zechariah 9:9)
‘Look, your King is coming to you.
He is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey’s colt.’”***

⁶The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt to Him and threw their garments over the colt, and He sat on it.

⁸Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of Him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around Him were shouting,

***“Praise God for the Son of David! (Psalm 118:26)
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!
Praise God in highest heaven!”***

¹⁰The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as He entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

¹¹And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

- Angaria - A Roman and Persian tradition that involved servants requesting livestock or other items from the public to be used by major political figures/royalty for service.
- What was the mixed message Jesus was sending the disciples?

- What is your “donkey?” _____
- How was this an “A Triumphal Entry?”

- Why did the Pharisees not like the uproar?

- What do you think of “Crown Me or kill Me, but nothing in the middle?”

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Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT)

⁹“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar,

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!”

Next Sunday: April 20, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY AT PFN

- **9:30AM** Service (entire PFN Family together) with Pastor Brock
 - Baptisms (*meeting today in the Sanctuary after service for all being baptized*)
- **10:45AM** Easter Celebration with donuts, iced/hot coffee, photo op at Door K
- **11AM** Easter Egg Hunt for Kindergarten and Younger (*Fellowship Center*)
- **11:15AM** Easter Egg Hunt for 1st – 6th Grade (*Kidzone Worship Area*)