

Palm Sunday 2010 – Let the Rejoicing Being!

2 Chronicles 6: 2 [KJ]

“But *I have built an house of habitation* for thee, and *a place for thy dwelling forever*”

*** I want us today, Palm Sunday to think about Salvation.**

*** To think about the a place of habitation – a place of God Presence**

Palm Sunday

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem

[Jesus riding the Colt of an Ass met a crowd of people waving Palm Branches and crying out Hosanna [Save Now!] – [Christ came to Save!]

Mark 11: 7-10

“And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

[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; [Save Now! – Christ came to Save!] – 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 [Save Now!] in the highest”

Hosanna

*** To save, be saved, be delivered - to be liberated, be saved, be delivered - to be saved (in battle), be victorious - to save, deliver - to save from moral troubles - to give victory to.**

John 12: 12-13

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Crowds waving Palm Branches

Palm branch (symbol)

- * The palm branch was a symbol of triumph and victory in pre-Christian times
- * The Romans rewarded champions of the games and celebrated military successes with palm branches.
- * Early Christians used the palm branch to symbolize the victory of the faithful over enemies of the soul.
- * In Judaism, the palm represents peace and plenty, and is used during Sukkot [Feast of Tabernacle]

WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

- * Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter.
- * On this day, Jesus, accompanied by His disciples, entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; and John 12:12-19).

An enthusiastic crowd greeted Jesus by spreading palm branches along the road and shouting Hosanna, a Hebrew expression meaning "save us."

- * The crowd hailed Jesus as the "Son of David," the Messiah promised long ago by God.
- * Services on Palm Sunday traditionally begin with a joyful procession into the sanctuary.
- * Worshipers often carry palm leaves or wear crosses made of palm.

WHAT IS THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION?

* Palm Sunday is sometimes called the Sunday of the Passion because our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem marked the beginning of His great and final humiliation -- His suffering and brutal death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world.

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Crowds waving Palm Branches days prior to going to the cross Jesus entered into Jerusalem establishing that He is the Messiah.

* Jesus came forth to bring Spiritual peace most were looking for a warring king.

* But I want you to notice that the very presence of Jesus caused people to cry out for salvation!

* Jesus coming forth not on a White Horse as an earthly leader, but lowly and humble as a Savior people were felling a change on its way

Mark 11: 11

“¹¹And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple”

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* The house of habitation

* A place for His presence

* A place that Salvation could be found and lived daily

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Mark 11: 11

“And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....”

- * The investigation of the situation! A look at the order of the house – first
- * You can tell a lot by the order of a household – about the keeper of the house

Checking out the situation:

- * He had a need – [Mk: 11:12] as so many do
- * He saw potential – [Mk: 11:13]
- * He examined the fruit - [Mk: 11:13]
- * Jesus condemned a profession that does not bear fruit – [Mk: 11:14]

**Jesus was checking out the very Atmosphere of the House
HE was establishing correct Habitation**

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Introduction

- God’s anointed, end-time children of this earth, His army is quickly growing into a massive army.
- An army of Gods Holy Ghost filled Passion Powered regiments are quickly rising –up in the earth, they are unlike any army this world has ever seen.
- Made up of all kindred’s around this world this army will conquer not by the military might that this world is accustomed to; not by the well laid out plans of the generals of great armies, no human schemes will be involved.
- *This army will move in Jesus, in Him, and in Him will they have their being.*
- By the Power of the Holy Ghost enablement their weaponry is the preaching of sound doctrine, Holy Ghost presence and a Cross Clarity Vision.

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2 Kings 13: 20-21

“20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet”

Elisha

'Eliysha' [*el-ee-shaw'*]: "God is salvation"

The prophet that succeeded Elijah

Elijah - "My God is Jehovah" or "Yah(u) is God"

Elijah was the great prophet of the reign of King Ahab

- This Old Testament Prophet of God serves as a great illustration of the power of the anointing.
- How the Double Portion Mantel exploded in a place of death and brought forth life, simply that place was filled with the presence of God.

In the midst of Moab [Fornication]: A dead man was raised and stood up!

- * Oh! That the house, the place, our lives be filled with the presence of God.
- * Oh, how this end-time church is starting to understand the power of Gods presence, the need for a very strong anointing to be manifested as to literally raise those who are dead in **Moab** to come to life and stand up!

The very place that folks can raise their hands to the Lord, wave praise's to Him and cry out Hosanna!

- God life is in the DNA of those who understand God presence.
- You must understand that you are a carrier of life.
- You are to pick up and walk out the mantle of God.
- * To help build a place of His habitation.
- * A place that celebrates His presence!

To usher in with Palms of Praise – The Presence of the LORD

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In Elishas' life the anointing was so imprinted in his bones that a dead man of the Moabites was raised from the dead. [Generational mantles, Generational anointing / life!]

“And the House was Filled!”

*** Oh, Lord on this Palm Sunday – May Your presence fill this place!**

John 12: 1 (King James)

“1 Then Jesus six days before the *Passover* came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead”

Six Days before the Passover

Passover:

Pascha [*Pas'khah*]:

The day of the paschal sacrifice [which was accustomed to be offered for the people's deliverance from Egyptian bondage]

The Paschal sacrifice - the lamb the Israelites were accustomed to slay and eat on the 14th day of the month of Nisan [the first month of their year] in memory of the day on which their fathers, preparing to depart from Egypt, were instructed by God to slay and eat a lamb, and to sprinkle their door posts with the lambs blood to protect them from the death angel that would pass by and see the protection of the blood and death would literally pass over their dwellings.

• The paschal supper or the feast of Passover was about to take place.

“Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany...”

• Bethany: “House of Dates” [A place known for its fruit] – A town on the east bank of the Jordan where John the Baptist Baptized in the waters of Jordan the baptism of repentance [Jesus was baptized there and the Holy Ghost ascended there upon Him.

• Bethany: The very place that Lazarus was raised from 4 days of death, called from death to life at the very voice of Jesus.

This place - the symbol of dead things birthed to life through Jesus!

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Bethany – a place of Gods habitation – fruit birthing – water baptism – life resurrection – a place of habitation!

John 12: 1-3 (King James)

“1 Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. [Note: a once dead man but now alive and eating]

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment”

- Jesus: *Iesous [ee-ay-sooce']*: "Jehovah is salvation"
- Lazarus: *Lazaros [lad'-zar-os]*: "whom God helps"
- Martha: Prepared food and served.
- Mary: Brought forth a pound of very costly oil.

1. Jesus – The very presence of “Salvation” - Jesus Saves!

2. Lazarus – Symbolizes “God helps”

3. Martha – One who is in service and around them is always food and substance.

4. Mary - The presence of the Holy Ghost, the oil of God.

“...a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly...”

In a place called Bethany

Spikenard:

Pistikos [pis-tik-os']:

Pertaining to belief: having the power of persuading: Trusty, faithful:

That which can be relied on. [Costly Ointment]

• Simply this oil was one of great cost, this oil was not religious oil, no it was comforting oil, it was oil that prepares one to go forth.

This oil defied all human senses - it exposed a thief in the midst. [Judas]

• This oil was so definite that the smell literally permeated the whole house; the smell took center stage! – The Place of His presence.

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John 12: 3 (King James)

“ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment”

- Folks on this **Palm Sunday** we literally are in need for the Lord to fill this house.
- WE need to invite the Lord in right now!
- The same as Mary anointed the feet of Jesus **[She brought a sacrifice]** we need to bring forth our sacrifice of praise and worship to Him is such a way that this house is filled with the precious smell of the anointing of God.

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14 [KJ]

“...when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord saying, for He is good, for his mercy endures forever, that the house, the house of the Lord, was FILLED WITH A CLOUD...FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE OF GOD!”

Today we wave the Palms of Praise because we understand the PRESENCE OF THE LORD! [Salvation through Jesus!]

John 3: 12-13 [KJ]

**12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord”**

- * They were in the Presence of Jesus, His Presence filled the atmosphere, their shouts and praise, SAVE, SAVE.
- * Jesus examined the temple and began to set in place the atmosphere for His presence, purpose and salvation.

Oh, church here me; we need the Lord to fill the House!

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Conclusion

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“But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling forever”

- * The presence of the Lord brings forth change.
- * One can't be in the place of His habitation without making a decision to change your life.

Mark 11 tells us that when the people heard and saw Jesus riding in they waved palm branches of praise and celebration and called out Hosanna [Save us now] – Hosanna [Salvation]

- * You see when Jesus comes around Salvation comes forth.
- * When Jesus comes into town, everyone has the awesome opportunity to receive His salvation.

On that day many saw Jesus through the eyes of a secular worldly king who would free them from their political – governmental bondage that's why they received Him with joy and cried out save us.

But my friends many understood His Triumphal Entry that day – the Messiah had come – the King of Kings was coming forth make way Hosanna – Save Us.

Hell knew it and trembled cause the Cross of Victory was just days away!

I can tell you that today, this Palm Sunday Jesus is in our midst – Salvation is at your choosing – Today is your day of Salvation.

What a day to come to Jesus – What a day to raise your hands and wave in praise – what a day to shout out Hosanna – Jesus Saves!

Come forth now and Praise Jesus – Come forth now and receive your Salvation – come forth now and celebrate His presence!

