



DAY ONE

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

READ

Mark 11:1-11

UNDERSTAND

When you picture royalty coming into a city, how do you see it? With loud declaration and fanfare? With fancy clothes and a large entourage? With wild pomp and circumstance?

While all that may be true today, it's certainly not the way Jesus made his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. His entrance wasn't marked with the kind of riches or fanfare you might expect from a coming King. No, His was an entrance that declared a new kind of King had arrived—an eternal King. The kind of King who came in peace and humility.

Riding on the back on a donkey, Jesus was greeted by those who believed with declarations of His glory and shouts of celebration for the arrival of their long-awaited savior. With palm branches laid down to line His path, the coming King marched forward to meet His fate. A fate that would change the course of our lives.

As we commemorate Palm Sunday this year, don't miss out on the chance to celebrate the humble entrance of our Savior, who rode forward toward a difficult destiny because of His great love for us.

RESPOND

Questions for Discussion:

What sticks out to you about the way Jesus made His entrance into Jerusalem?

What do you think was going through Jesus' mind as He entered the city that day?

Just as the people did back then, how can you celebrate who Jesus is and what He's done in your life this Palm Sunday?

PRAYER

God, today we celebrate the start of Easter Week by remembering and celebrating Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for sending Him as symbol of humility and peace to Your people. As we remember Palm Sunday this year, we pause to celebrate the arrival of Jesus—the Savior whose triumphant entry changed our lives.

FAMILY TIME

Today, take time to create some palm branches of your own with your family. Get creative! Draw them, create them out of supplies you have at home, or even get outside and see what you can find to put together your own homemade palm branches.

As you work together to make your palm branches, talk as a family about what Palm Sunday means for your faith. Talk about how the palm branches were used to recognize Jesus' entrance as King and to celebrate His arrival. Then, have each person in your family write some of the things they want to celebrate about Jesus on their own palm branches. Maybe it's His love. Maybe it's the fact that He's given you a family. Maybe it's the salvation He offers. After you write yours down, put your palm branches on display so you can remember throughout the week to celebrate all that Jesus has done in your lives.