

Thursday

Read Revelation 5. Who is the one worthy person able to open the scroll? What titles are used to describe Jesus? How can he be both the Lion and the Lamb? How does John's vision of worship in heaven encourage you today?

Thank God today for sending his one and only Son to serve as the sacrificial lamb. Thank him for his love for you. Ask him to help you stay in an attitude of praise throughout the day.

Friday - Good Friday

Please read John 19:16-37. What can you find to praise God for in this account of Christ's death for you? Write down a prayer of praise to God for what the death of Christ accomplished for you:

Sing a song of praise to God today. Pray the prayer you wrote. Ask God to help you make praising him part of the fabric of your character.

Saturday

Read Luke 24 to prepare yourself for Easter Sunday. *Ask God to prepare your heart so that you can worship him in Spirit and truth as you celebrate the fact that Jesus is the Living and Risen Savior. Pray for our One Worship Service tomorrow—that the Good News of Jesus' resurrection will be proclaimed clearly to all who attend. Pray about someone you can invite!*

What Really Happened on Palm Sunday

Message by Rick McRostie on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

John 12:12-15

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! "Blessed is the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

What was the "festival"?

See: Exodus 23:14-17 & 34:18-23

How "great" was the crowd?

Why "palm branches"?

What does "Hosanna" mean?

Why a "young donkey"?



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What happened next?

Matthew 21:12-13

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

“It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’”

Three faith lessons from Palm Sunday

1. _____

“At first his disciples did not understand all this...” John 12:16a

2. _____

“Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.”
John 12:16b

3. _____

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” Revelation 7:9–10

The Bottom Line:

God is _____ and he is

writing a story _____.

Daily Meditations

This Week’s Memory Verse:

“For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.” Psalm 47:7

Monday

Each day this week you’ll have a passage of Scripture to read and an opportunity to praise the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Please read Revelation 19:1-10. What encourages you most in this passage? Write down the phrases of praise that you see in this passage.

Think of one song you love to sing about God and sing that to him today as your prayer of praise.

Tuesday

Today focus on praising God simply because he is God! Even if there were no benefits (but there are!) for you, God is still God and he is worthy of praise! Read Romans 11:33-36. What do you learn about God in these verses?

Use the attributes you read in Romans today to praise God. Choose a song of praise to sing to him today as you pray.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 34:1-3. If you lived out these verses, how would your life be different? How is it possible to always have God’s praise on your lips? List two things to praise God for in these verses:

1.

2.

Praise God today using the two things you wrote down. Ask him to remind you each step of the day to have his praise on your lips at all times.