

Palm Sunday 2018: What a Difference a Day Makes!

KJV John 12:12 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.

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, after raising Lazarus from the grave when palm branches were placed in his path.

It's Jesus last Sunday as a free man!

It's the **Sunday** before Jesus' arrest on Holy Thursday and His crucifixion on Good Friday.

Making it the **beginning of Holy Week—the 7 last days of Jesus earthly life!**

Here are some of the events of those (7) seven days:

- **Palm Sunday** He enters Jerusalem.
- **Monday** He curses the fig tree and cleanses the temple.
- **Tuesday** the fig tree is dead, parables of the **two sons, wicked husband and the great supper, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, tells about the signs of The End times.**
- **Wednesday** day of Judas betrayal.
- **Thursday** washes the disciple's feet, Jesus identifies His betrayer, the Last Supper, The Garden prayer, Jesus arrest and the disciples scatter.
- **Friday** (Good) **Jesus trials, condemnation and crucifixion.**
- **Saturday** the tomb is sealed and guarded. (He goes to the underworld and proclaimed His victory and the eternal punishment of fallen angels)

GWN 1 Peter 3:19 In it he also went to proclaim his victory to the spirits kept in prison.

ESV 2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment.

ESV Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day!

Jesus didn't preach the [Gospel of Salvation to the fallen angels](#), He didn't die for angels! He preached The Gospel of The Kingdom declaring His victory as King and sovereign!

- **[Sunday](#)** Jesus is risen, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb, Jesus appears to Peter and then the rest of the disciples, he appears to more than 500 people at one time, Jesus gives His last discourse and ascends to the right hand of The Father.

But on **Palm Sunday** Jews from all over the known world travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast. When Jesus entered Jerusalem:

John 12:13 People 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.

Just a few days later these same people will be mocking Jesus at His trial asking for Him to be crucified! (**Mark 15:13**)

And to release Barabbas!

For **Five Days** (5 number of grace) **they had nothing but good things to say about Jesus, but on the sixth day they forgot everything He had done for them!**

For **3 1/2 years** Jesus walked among them healing the sick, praying for their children, raising the dead and casting out demons!

- **Six** is the incomplete number it's **one short of seven** which is perfection.
- Man was created on the **sixth day!**
- The **sixth character** that shows up in Genesis is the serpent!
- **Six is the number of Satan's influence on man!** In Matthews account of the temptation Satan, the Devil or the Tempter is mentioned **six times**.
- The **sixth time** Job's name is mentioned it's connected with Satan.
- The **sixth commandment** is "thou shall not kill"

John 2:23 While Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover festival, many people believed in him because they saw the miracles that he performed.

24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

25 and didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature. He knew what people were really like. The KJV says "**He knew what was in man**" ([imperfection](#))!

The first Passover Jesus attended during His 3 and 1/3 years of ministry many people were following Him because of the miracles ([what He did for them](#)).

Yet He didn't believe the hype because Jesus knew what was in man!

So the last Passover on Palm Sunday the people also shouted His name and cried “*Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*”

This salutation came from **Psalm 118:25** *Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*

Hosanna means “**LORD save us now, LORD please save us now, send now prosperity** or (**grant us success over our enemies**)!”

It seems even today people only want God to make their lives better!

The Jews believed Jesus was coming to save them from the Romans, they had an ongoing and continuous relationship with God’s salvation and deliverance.

God had saved and delivered them from their enemies for centuries, why would it be any different now?

Jesus obviously could have rescued them from Roman rule! **He had all power and authority—so why didn’t He?**

KJV Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

- **Because the people didn’t want to be under the loving leadership, rulership and government of God!**

A thousand years earlier they rejected the prophet Samuel and asked for a king!

ESV 1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

The prophets and apostles (sent ones) were killed (abolished) and stoned (murdered).

KJV John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Did you notice Jesus only gave the power to be sons to those who received Him!

Jesus doesn’t force salvation on anyone! This also ends the debate over everyone being saved in the end because of God’s grace!

KJV Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

I like how GWN says it; “*Many are invited, but few of those are chosen to stay.*”

We only get to stay if we want to stay and staying is based on obedience and following!

The rejection of Jesus Christ (God) is nothing new! Man has from the beginning rejected God’s rule over him.

We are living in times when the rejection of God is at an all time high and will culminate in the great apostacy!

ESV 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

2 Don't get upset right away or alarmed when someone claims that we said through some spirit, conversation, or letter that the day of the Lord has already come.

3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

The King James uses the words “*falling away*” apostacy (**defection and rejection of Christ and His teaching**).

Are not people today crying “**LORD save me**” only to find out they didn’t really want to (stay with and) love The Lord!

Only to turn their backs on Christ the very next day and go back to living their lives the way they see fit?

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