

The King of Glory!

KJV Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Palm Sunday introduces what we call **Holy Week!**

In more liturgical churches (churches that practice more formal public worship services) have what is known as “the blessing of the palms”!

It was a processional of Palm Leaves that were blessed and distributed among the people and carried from church to church.

The service represented the Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem a week before the Resurrection.

John 12:12-13 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.

The **Palm Tree** held an important place in the lives of the Hebrew people; they put the entire tree to use.

- Its sweet fruit provided nourishment.
- The smaller leaves were used to make household items, such as baskets or mats.
- The larger ones used to make roofs or sides of houses.
- To build the booths for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Since Palm Trees were most often seen at Oasis’s in the wilderness they were **symbols of life, fertility and fruitfulness.**

Jesus entering Jerusalem was a sign to the Hebrew people their lives were about to change for the better.

Their King was coming to take charge, their enemies would be defeated and they would once again enjoy their status as God’s favored people.

It was customary for kings to be greeted after their victories with in the streets cheering and the waving palm branches—even Olympic champions received the same treatment.

KJV Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

Luke records Jerusalem's rejection of Jesus representing the both nation and the world!

Jesus was offering The Kingdom of God—but they had killed the prophets and stoned apostles (the sent ones).

On Palm Sunday Jesus enters Jerusalem about **two months after He'd raised Lazarus** from the dead.

Because the people knew Jesus would be in Jerusalem The Bible tells us more people came because they wanted to see Lazarus.

John 12:10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also.

They're trying to destroy everything The Palm Tree stands for:

Nourishment, protection, fruitfulness and life!

KJV Psalm 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*

9 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

10 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

David begins with *ESV Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein...*

In verse **3** he writes...*who will ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall **stand in his holy place?***

David is addressing heaven with his first rhetorical question!

This is speaking of Jesus **return to** (heaven) **glory** after His resurrection—because only He can stand in **the holy place**.

No one in Heaven could be found worthy to sit in His place or open The Books.

Revelation 5:2 *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"*
3 *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was found worthy to open the book or to look it.*

As strong as this angel was he was not strong enough to defeat Satan, death, hell and the grace only Jesus could—that's why David declared:

"He is The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle."

"The Book" contains the complete plan of God!

Then David again declares in **verse 7** *"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."*

And asked again **"who is the King of glory?"**

David is addresses **the earth** in his **second** declaration in **verse 10**:
"Who is King of glory?"

The second reply is different than the first:

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory." *Selah* (think about it).

Now that Jesus got the victory for us, when He comes back we His **hosts or armies** are coming back with Him!

This is why the apostle Paul wrote:

KJV 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.*

57 *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

But I also believe there is a prophetic people this Psalm addresses!

The apostle Paul says God gave the holy apostles of the New Testament this assignment:

To make know what God through Christ has made available to the saints

NIV Colossians 1:26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

But we NT saints must also **lift up their heads** so the glory can come in!

The **head** is the **center of life**, the **place of the mind, will and emotions**, it's the head is **the symbol of leadership, government and authority!**

The lifting of the head is symbolic of paying attention, giving respect to something and acknowledging its presence.

We must give God the **utmost** respect, attention and acknowledgement of His presence than we do all these other things in life—if want His glory in our lives!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem they were happy and respectful at first.

But when He didn't do what they wanted (destroy) the Romans they turned on Jesus and asked for the release of a rebel!

They rejected Jesus; murdered the prophets and stoned the apostles but gladly received and fanatic leadership of Barabbas—sounds like today huh!

The King of kings wants to fill us with His glory!

*Psalm 138:2b...*for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

If we lift up our heads The King of glory (The Word) will come in!

Stop rejecting The WORD OF GOD!

KJV John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

ESV John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

NAB 2 Corinthians 3:18 All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

