



*Palm
Sunday*



Faith that Moves Through Life's Obstacles

Luke 19:36-44



- ***God is Sovereign.***

Sovereign: God has absolute power and complete control over all things. He is not only aware of what is going on in my life but is involved in it. He guides my life based on his plan for my life and his steadfast love for me. He offers his mercies to me every day, even when I cannot see them or have the wisdom to walk in them. (Lamentations 3:21-24)





1. Palm Sunday reminds us that God is sovereign -- Christ knew everything the week would bring – yet he entered the city anyway.

A. Jesus on a donkey reserved long ago.

- *Luke 19:28f; Zec. 9:9*

B. Jesus enters a city God has chosen for himself.

- *Ezek 5:5, 38:12, Isai 2:1-2, Isa 66:20*
- *Luke 24:46-47, John 1:11, Matt 27:25*

C. Jesus “set his mind” to Jerusalem. The events of the week did not just happen to him. Lk 9:51





2. Palm Sunday reminds us that God guides us but gives us free will; then, he gives us what we choose.

- *Religious leaders. V 39*
- *Two thieves – one on his right and one on the left. Luke 23:39*
- *Jerusalem and the Jews. V 42; John 1:11*





3. *Palm Sunday reminds us of the great work of God's love for us, poured out thru the suffering of Jesus for us.*

Jesus faced:

- 1. A "disciple" betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver.***
- 2. His #1 disciple denied him, 3x.***
- 3. All his disciples but John abandoned him.***
- 4. Jesus felt his father had deserted him while he died on the cross. He felt the weight of the world's sins upon him***





4. *Palm Sunday reminds us that God “prepares praise” to encourage us and to build up our faith.*

Mat 21:15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, " Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?"





Application

- 1. Are the “obstacles” in your life shouting louder than the steadfast love of God?***
 - Confess that to God.***
 - Reclaim the hope of the resurrection***
- 2. How can you be “prepared praise” for someone you know is likely overcome by the struggles of life?***
- 3. Will you receive, today, the work of Jesus on the cross as forgiveness for your sins?***

