

## PALM SUNDAY, 2022

**Message Title:** The Triumphant Entry Of Jesus Christ Into Jerusalem

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**Texts:** Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:9-19, Romans 14:7-12, 17

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**T**he event of the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ was so important that the four Gospel writers, Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Luke and Saint John recorded it as seen in the above texts.

Before now, Jesus wanted to pass through a village in Samaria to Jerusalem but the people of the town refused. In anger, two of His disciples, James and John requested Jesus to permit them to call fire from heaven on them on the people. But Jesus, though He had the power to go through the town, He humbled Himself and went through another way (Luke 9:51-56). On another occasion, He willingly paid tax after the

disciples were questioned if their master, Jesus Christ was paying tax. Though He is the Lord of all, He humbled Himself and paid tax (Matthew 17:24-27).

On the day of the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, Jesus proved to the world that He is the Son of God by using His supreme word that no one can oppose. Jesus did this just before His death knowing that He was about to finish His work on earth.

What does it mean to triumph? It means to be victorious or to win. It was for this reason palm fronds, branches of trees were used as Jesus victoriously entered into Jerusalem.

Mark 11:1-7, GNB

***As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, tell him that the Master needs it and will send it back at once." So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the bystanders let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on.***

In the above reading, Jesus showed that the word of God is powerful and no one can oppose it. When the two disciples were carrying out His instruction, no one was able to oppose them because truly, He is the Lord of all.

When the colt was brought to Jesus, Jesus mounted on it, and many people began to spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches of trees in the fields and spread them on the road (Mark 11:8). ***So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting...*** (John 12:13). And as they all went on, with some in front and others behind, they began to shout, ***"Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord!"*** Mark 11:10, GNB. The glory was so much that some of the pharisees could not bear it.

They said there is only one king in Jerusalem; why this? So, in order to stop the people from praising God, they said to Jesus, ***“Teacher, command your disciples to be quiet.”*** And Jesus Christ replied them that if they could stop the people from shouting praises to God, He would order the stones to start shouting (Luke 19:39-40). No one can stop God’s glory.

## CONCLUSION

I will conclude by reminding us of the words of Apostle Paul in Romans 14:7-12, 17.

Saint Paul said, ***“None of us lives for himself only, none of us dies for himself only. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For Christ died and rose to life in order to be the Lord for the living and the dead...”*** In verse 17, He made clear that God’s Kingdom is not a matter of eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy which the Holy Spirit gives. Know that one day, we all shall stand before God to give the account of our lives to God. Therefore, live your life to please God always.

As Jesus Christ triumphed in Jerusalem, may God help us to triumph into His heavenly Kingdom in Jesus’ name. Amen!