

# From PALMS . . . to the TREE



John 12:12-15; 19:1-16

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- Prophecy Fulfilled—Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just  
and endowed with salvation, humble, and  
mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal  
of a donkey.”

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“Surely the stone will cry out from the wall, and the rafter will answer it from the framework.”

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As soon as He was approaching, . . . , the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting: “BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

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Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

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  - A Cross – John 19:17, “They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.”

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  - A Cross
  - Our griefs, sorrows, and sins

## Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

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All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to his own way;  
but the LORD has caused the iniquity  
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# 1 Peter 2:24

“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”



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  - In almost the same breath, they were shouting – “Away with Him. Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

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The other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

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And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

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- Thief – Luke 23:40-43
- Centurion and those around him – Matthew 27:54

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Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

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- Because of His Deity – Luke 18:31-33

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.



For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.”

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He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb  
that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep  
that is silent before its shearers, so He did  
not open His mouth.

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- In the garden – Matthew 26:36-39

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Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.”

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And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”



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Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

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Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

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- Jesus was sent to bear the punishment of **EVERYONE** in the world. He gave his life (blood) in our place



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And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

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If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

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For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

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  - How can we ignore Him? How can we turn our back on what God has done?

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So What?

Take up thy cross and follow Me,  
I hear the blessed Savior call;  
How can I make a lesser sacrifice,  
When Jesus gave His all?