

## **PALM SUNDAY 2020**

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**Text:** Matthew 21:8,9 and 24:1

### **Introduction Summary**

What we traditionally call Palm Sunday represents the day Jesus was highly praised just before He would be sentenced to death. They recognized Him as their Salvation that had come to earth. It was a time of great joy. But the same people would soon reject Him. The questions are: What was all that praise about? What did it mean? You'll find the answers as you dive into this study about Jesus, the rejected stone that became the Chief Cornerstone.

#### **I. Multitudes cried “Hosanna” (Matthew 21:8-9).**

- A. The word *hosanna* is a Hebrew word which means “Oh save,” “prosperity” (Thomas Scott and the Treasury of Davis commentary).
- B. The people are crying for prosperity.
- C. The phrase “Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” is a quote from the Old Testament (Psalm 118:26).

#### **II. David sees Jesus Christ as his Salvation.**

- A. Psalm 118:21-24: Verse “21) I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 22) The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. 23) This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. 24) This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”
- B. David was speaking prophetically. Second Advent (Second Coming) verses!!

#### **III. Psalm 118:25 “Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.”**

- A. The Phrase “*save now*” is the Hebrew word for “*Hosanna*,” a second advent verse connected by “send now prosperity.”
- B. This is during the millennial reign, a time of economic worldwide prosperity.

#### IV. Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone.

- A. Read the parable of the wicked husbandmen that rejected the householder's son just as the religious sect of that day rejected Jesus (Mat. 21:33-46).
- B. In Mat. 21:42 Jesus is quoting Psalm 118:22-23 - Jesus, the Blessed One, has become the Chief Cornerstone who brought salvation to all who would believe on Him.

#### V. Here are Five Points to Seeing Jesus Christ as Our Salvation (Psalm 118:21).

- A. *Point 1* - The Word is true; all is fulfilled (Mat. 21:4-5, Zec. 9:9).
  - 1. Jesus' words shall not pass away (Mat. 24:35).
  - 2. (Psalm 119:60) "I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."
  - 3. God's Word shall accomplish what He intended it to accomplish (Isa. 55:11).
- B. *Point 2* - Recognize the Messiah - "...it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (Isa 55:13, Psalm 118:23)
- C. *Point 3* - Jesus is the head of the church; The 2000-year gap is part of the mystery.
  - 1. The gentiles are fellow-heirs with the Jews (Eph 3:2-6).
  - 2. Acts 1:6 "...Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"
  - 3. Abraham's blessing is not just for Jews (Gen 12:3).
- D. *Point 4* - Here's a lesson on following the Spirit (Mark 11:11-21).
  - 1. In Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple and looked around. Then He left.
  - 2. He went back to Jerusalem and overthrew the moneychangers' tables.
  - 3. Why didn't He do that first? He did it when the Spirit told Him to do it.
- E. *Point 5* - Faith, words, prayer and forgiveness are required (Mark 11:22-25).
  - 1. Faith: vs 22, Operate in the God-kind of faith.
  - 2. Words: vs. 23, Whosoever shall say...believe that those things which he saith...
  - 3. Prayer: vs. 24, When you pray, believe that you receive your desire.
  - 4. Forgiveness: vs. 25, When you pray, forgive...that your Father...may forgive you...

#### Closing Summary

This is the day which the Lord has made! We must recognize Jesus as the very foundation of our salvation. Let us not be like the religious sect of old, thinking that we must adhere to a set of laws that are impossible to follow. On the contrary, let's recognize, just as David did, Jesus as our Lord and Savior, love come into the world.

The love He demonstrated is the fulfillment of the law. Therefore, let's follow the life He lived on the earth and the love He showed for us. God gave us His best. Why did He do it? He did it so that all who receive Him can partake of a life of joy, prosperity and eternal salvation. So, we ought to give Him our best by loving others and praising Him every day, in this day which He has made. Hosanna!