

9 April 2017 - Palm Sunday.

Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19–29.



INTRO: A loud (rejoicing) presence – Matthew 21:9, “And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were **shouting**, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” **Cf. Ecclesiastes 3:4, 7**, “a time to weep, and a time to **laugh**; a time to mourn, and a time to **dance**... a time to keep silence, and a time to **speak**.” Cf. “Shout! Be Loud!”



I. A LOUD ENTRY.

Zechariah 9:9, “Rejoice **greatly**, O daughter of Zion! **Shout aloud**, O daughter of Jerusalem!”

Psalm 95:2, “Let us **come into his presence with thanksgiving**; let us make a **joyful noise** to him with songs of praise!”

Psalm 118:24, “This is the day that the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**”

It’s called, “The **Triumphal Entry.**”



II. A LOUD PROCESSION.

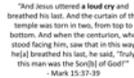
Unrestrained. Matthew 21:9, “before... followed him... shouting...”

Luke 19:39-40, “Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, ‘Teacher, get your disciples **under control!**’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would **cry out.**’”

Zechariah 9:10, “Lo, your king comes to you; **triumphant and victorious is he.**” It’s called, “The **Triumphal Entry.**”

Luke 19:37, “the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a **loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.**” Foreshadows Pentecost. **Acts 2:11**, “we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.””

2 Corinthians 2:14, “thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in **triumphal procession**, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.” **Revelation 17:14**, “They will make war on the Lamb, and **the Lamb will conquer them**, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”



III.A LOUD EXIT.

Mark 14:26, “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

Hebrews 5:7, “In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, **with loud cries and tears**, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”

Mark 15:37-39, “And Jesus uttered a **loud cry** and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was the Son of God!’”

Romans 5:2-3, “Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but **we rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Illus. Braveheart. Wants to say something. “Mercy”... “Freedom!”



CONCLUSION: Matthew 21:10, “And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was **stirred up**, saying, “**Who is this?**” Our praise/worship should cause people to be stirred and ask the same.