



## Palm Sunday: Perfect Timing for an Unexpected Savior

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for You in His Perfect Timing

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him (John 12:13 – 16 NLT).

### 2. Accept the True \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee (Matthew 21:8 – 11 NLT)."

### 3. Let Jesus make his \_\_\_\_\_ Entry into your \_\_\_\_\_

But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 2:14 – 15 NLT).

#### Discussion & Self Reflection Questions

1. How has God showed up at His perfect timing in your life?
2. Reflect upon and discuss the ways Jesus saves you. Has your understanding of Jesus' salvation changed over time?
3. Reflect upon and discuss the ways you are walking in triumphal procession in Christ. How do you smell to those around you?

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