

A close-up photograph of several palm fronds, showing individual leaflets in shades of green and yellow, set against a solid black background. The fronds are positioned on the left side of the frame, with some overlapping the text.

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SUNDAY MARCH 24TH



A Welcome Filled with Confusion and Clarification

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Palm Sunday. Five days before He is crucified Jesus is enthusiastically welcomed into Jerusalem. It's an event that helps us appreciate the confusion that often accompanies Jesus and gives us a clearer picture of our Savior.

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Luke 19:28-44

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“The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—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, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you,

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if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

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Zechariah 9:9

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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 - **Procuring of donkey**

Luke 19:28-34

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- **Jesus is willing to take the most unlikely and grueling path to His throne.**

Acts 2:29-36

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that **he would set one of his descendants on his throne**, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about **the resurrection of the Christ**, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² **This Jesus God raised up**, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ **Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God**, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has

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poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

What do we ponder this week?

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