

**PALM SUNDAY
WILL WE JOIN THE
PROCESSIONAL?**

Luke 19:36 – 48

John 12:13

WHY PALM BRANCHES?

- **Feast of Booths**, God's deliverance and bounty in times of hardship. Leviticus 23:40
- **Ornamentation** - rejoicing in Solomon's Temple. 1 Kings 6:32; Millennial Temple, Ezek 40:26. **God's people. God's presence. Bounty.**
- **Symbols of victory, praise**, Rev 7:9





THE CROWD ON FIRST PALM SUNDAY

- Team A descending from Mt Olivet: Lk 19:37
 - coats on the donkey; coats in the road.
 - Voluntary praise with joy shouting ...
- Team B from Jerusalem (with palm branches).
Jn 12:13, 18-19; Zach 9:9
 - witnesses of Lazarus' reviving. Jn 12:17-18

PEOPLE ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM.

1. **Committed.** The 11 plus the women with them (Lk 23:49); other followers (120). Acts 1:15
2. **Curious.** Those who were there for his miracles. Lk 19:37, John 12:9; John 2:24
3. **Spiritually blind.** Skeptics, atheists, agnostics, the betrayer – Pharisees. Lk 19:39. Judas.
4. **Silent ones** - observers, apathetic, the fearful, backslidden.

1. BELIEVER'S KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS WAS INCOMPLETE.

- **Romans 1:4** – “who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection...”
- **Luke 24:21** – “we were hoping He was going to redeem Israel...”
- **Acts 1:6** – “... Is it at this time that are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

2. THEY WORSHIPED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD.

- Luke 19:37-38:

1. The whole crowd began to praise God ...for all the **miracles** which they had seen

- Because of Lazarus. John 12:9

2. Blessed is the **king** who comes in the name of the Lord...

- 2 Timothy 1:5-7

3. THEY WORSHIPPED BECAUSE THEY HAD OBSERVED GOD WORKING IN OTHERS.

- Compare:

1. Luke 19:35-37; John 12:17-18

2. John 12:19; Luke 19:39, 41, 44;

- Pharisees did not recognize the “time of their visitation.” Visitation by whom?

THE RESPONSE OF GOD TO THE ATONING DEATH OF CHRIST.

1. God is about to judge sin. Worship will occur.
 - Luke 19:39. “Teacher silence your disciples.”
 - Luke 19:40 – “If these become silent, the stones will cry out.”
2. Those who reject the Prince of peace are given over to their rejection. 19:42, 44.

HOW CAN YOU JOIN THE PROCESSIONAL?

1. **Start where you are**, worship God based upon what you know of Him.
2. **Ask God to reveal** where He is working.
3. **Do one thing that identifies you as a follower of Jesus** to those around you.
4. **Pray with 3 people** this week.

ANY EVIDENCE THAT GOD IS “UP TO SOMETHING”?

- Matt 24:32, ... you know summer is near ... recognize that He is near, right at the door