

The Final “Palm Sunday”
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Sermon Text: Matthew 21:1-11, Revelation 6:12 - 7:17

Today in our Reading of the Gospel according to Matthew we recount the events of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey amid crowds of hopeful people welcoming him as a king, in direct fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9-10.

Then we read ahead to a vision in The Book of Revelation which was given to John as an “unveiling” of things past, present and future!

John needed this vision and the fledgling church needed it!

John had also seen Jesus on Resurrection Day

Visions of a bright future.

¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

¹¹ which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate. (Matthew 23: 37)

This is the desolation we see in the Sixth Seal

Collapsing universe language!

Four comforting descriptions of God’s Church

1. Their catholicity (universality) kata= *according to* + holos *whole*= catholic faith is the faith of the whole church!

Genesis 22:17, 18

Isaiah 2:2, 3

Matthew 28: 19-20 Jesus had commanded them to Make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing them and teaching them!

2. Their position: Standing

Standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

Psalm 1:4, 5

Psalm 5:4, 5

Psalm 24

3. Their Apparel and Accessories

clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands

White Robes! - Cleansed from sin! PURE! Washed in the blood of Christ!

Rev. 7:14 “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; **they have washed their robes** and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Leviticus 23 ⁴⁰ On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. ⁴¹ Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year.

PALMS = Joy, rejoicing, victory!

4. Their Praise

”...and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”