

Palm Sunday is a day where we celebrate our Savior, and more specifically, a day to reflect on His ultimate sacrifice for humanity. The palm branches are a reminder of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as a king. The same crowd that welcomed Jesus with palm branches would later turn against Him and demand His crucifixion.

## **I. The Hope of the Messiah**

The 1st Century Jews were hoping for deliverance. They threw down palm branches and their garments, and shouted "Hosanna! Hosanna! Peace! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

The word Hosanna is a transliterated Hebrew word which literally means, "Save, we pray." We know that Jesus did indeed come to bring deliverance, but not from an oppressive government.

Many people today are looking for deliverance from their problems. They are looking for a messiah, but sadly, the world looks to man.

## **II. The Hope of the Resurrection**

When Jesus entered the city, the people cried out for him to heal them, and I believe that Jesus is still in the business of healing and restoration.

**Luke 12:7** — "But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."

*Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
And long for heav'n and home;*

*When Jesus is my portion?  
My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.*

*Chorus:  
I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.*

Jesus had compassion for the sick and the downtrodden. But he rose from the grave to meet our greatest need. The resurrection has power to heal our soul.

## **John 11:17-27**

### **III. The Hope of the New Kingdom**

**Zechariah 9:9** — “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”

The triumphal entry demonstrated Jesus' kingship. But 2000 years ago, Jesus was not riding into Jerusalem as an earthly king. He came to be our heavenly king.

Jesus left the ivory palaces of heaven to come to this world of woe, only his great eternal love made my Savior go. Jesus came through that gate in Jerusalem the first time as the suffering servant. Someday He will ride through that gate again as the conquering King. There is coming another kingdom.