Palm Sunday

2018

**Prayer**:

Joe Halloway, El Salvador, Easter in the Park, Sunrise Service

**Intro:**

Palm Sunday begins holy week

It marked the start of the hardest week of Jesus life

Preparation for Passover leads us to today

What is Jesus doing this year?

Aligning us to what He wants to do

Adjusting our expectation

Asking us to pray without doubt

Creating a way for relationship with Him

Read Mark 11:1-11

Wave the branches and say vs. 9,10

Aligning us to what He wants to do…

Matthew 21:2-5

The disciples told the donkey’s owner that Jesus needed his donkey.

This was a signal to tell them that Jesus was coming into town.

It sparked a movement so people were ready and excited when Jesus came into town.

Sometimes all it takes is a simple statement

Especially when the statement is backed by God’s Word and prophecy

Jesus uses things we can’t understand, we simply need to obey

*It’s time for us to introduce Jesus*

*He wants relationship with His creation*

Adjusting our expectations

Luke 19:11-27

Before the entry of Jesus, he tells the parable of the minah (three months’ salary).

The king leaves money in the hands of his servants

Some people complain about the king

The king returns and judges those he left with his money

The king kills those that complained.

Jesus tells this story to show that the Pharisees didn’t have it figured out

Their *expectation* was for a political savior

Jesus compares the way they thought with their actions against Archelaus

Their action left 3000 people dead on the temple floor.

Our focus must be on what Jesus wants to accomplish as he enters Jerusalem

Fulfilling prophecy, cleansing the temple, increasing faith,

We must know the time of our visitation.

Asking us to pray

Mark 11:12-14

After Jesus entered the city, he cursed a fig tree

Peter noticed the tree withered and was amazed.

Jesus replies, “have faith **IN GOD**”, “whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Let’s ask without doubt

We must expect the miracles that God wants to do

Our asking must be “in God” not our own conjuring or selfish desires

**Conclusion:**

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