

PORTRAITS OF A SAVIOR: The Humble Savior

Palm Sunday | Matthew 21:1–10

Jesus didn't enter Jerusalem in power and spectacle — He entered in humility and purpose.

Palm Sunday reveals a King who **chose the cross on purpose** because He loves His people.

The King Who Came Humble

“Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey.” — Matthew 21:5

Five hundred years before Palm Sunday, God told His people exactly how their King would arrive (Zechariah 9:9).

Not on a warhorse. Not in a chariot. Not with military power. **On a donkey.**

Jesus chose humility — not because He lacked authority, but because He had a mission.

A King Who Already Knew the Cost

Luke tells us something remarkable:

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it.” — Luke 19:41

Jesus rode into Jerusalem fully aware of what was coming:

- betrayal
- denial
- false trials
- the cross

Palm Sunday wasn't a celebration before tragedy. It was **the beginning of the mission.**

The Courage of the Humble Savior

“He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” — Philippians 2:8

Biblical humility is not weakness. It is strength under control.

Jesus didn't ride a donkey because He forgot He was King.

He rode a donkey because He **knew** He was King — and chose the path of sacrifice anyway.

The Crowd Wanted a King

Jesus Came as a Savior

The people shouted:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” — Matthew 21:9

They expected:

- political victory
- national restoration
- immediate change

Instead, Jesus brought something greater:

victory over sin

victory over death

victory over the grave

Don't Be the Donkey

The donkey carried Jesus into Jerusalem. But the parade wasn't about the donkey. And our lives aren't about us either.

God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes — but the glory always belongs to the King.

You are meaningful because of **who is on your life**, not because of your platform.

Three Ways to Respond to the Humble Savior

1. Acknowledge Him as King

Say it personally: **Jesus, You are King — not me.**

2. Surrender Your Parade

Lay down:

- your agenda
- your need for recognition
- your desire to be the center

Let Christ receive the glory.

3. Walk Through Holy Week Intentionally

Palm Sunday leads to:

Thursday & the Upper Room

Friday & the Cross

Sunday & the Empty Tomb

Don't skip the cross to get to the resurrection. Let this week shape your heart.

This Week's Reflection Question

Where in my life am I acting like the parade is about me instead of Jesus?

What is one thing I need to lay down before the King this week?

Closing Truth

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The same King who rode into Jerusalem in humility
is the same King who rose from the grave in victory.

The Humble Savior came for you.