

“HOPE Comes Riding In!”



Palm Sunday

John 12; Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem began the week of His passion leading to His death and His resurrection from the dead. The timing of His entry was the Jewish celebration of Passover and many visitors from outside Judea filled the city; the visitors made up the crowd that cried out in hope, “Hosanna!” The times were turbulent, for Rome was oppressing the Jewish people. Yet Hope comes riding in!

Let’s consider from the Gospels how Hope-filled living was experienced in the 1st century when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem & how Hope-filled living can be experienced in our lives today.

1. – HOPE is Experiencing a Fresh _____ to Jesus.

– see Luke 19: 28 – 35

What is Jesus sending you to do? Who is Jesus sending you to share hope with?

2. – HOPE is Expressing Frequent _____ to Jesus.

– see John 12: 12 – 15

What aspects of Jesus can you celebrate?

“Hosanna.” - Hebrew expression meaning “Save us, we beseech thee,” taken from Psalm 118:25. The crowd welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with the cry of “Hosanna” Psalm 118 is a declaration of confidence in the Lord’s salvation, made in a time of need

Notice – When joyful celebration of Jesus occurs, opposition arises – see Luke 19: 39 – 40

3. – HOPE is Expecting in Faith _____.

– see John 12: 16

What are you looking forward to doing once this pandemic is over?

WORKING THE WORD CHALLENGES:

- **DISCUSS** with a partner / group. - *“One thing I am looking forward to doing once this pandemic is”*
- **REFLECT on Jesus.** What are aspects of Jesus’ character that you celebrate? Write out a prayer of adoration and worship to Jesus.
- **READ** the Bible Reading Plan – *“It is Finished”* ; Join Pastor Michael & others by clicking here - <https://bit.ly/3IRcjye>