

Preparation!

And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"
Matthew 21:8-10 NKJV

The day that Jesus entered Jerusalem was the beginning of the Passover preparation. But for one moment on this day everything stopped, as Jesus entered the city. The entire crowd which followed Him were certain of His coming to establish His reign over the city, not only the city but also the nation. The crowds had gathered because they had seen the miracles, they had heard the stories, and they believed that their time had come. The entire city was *moved*. This word 'moved' means, like an earthquake which would rock the city! His coming affected every person like that! It was the beginning of the culmination of all the prophecies. It was the confrontation, the final showdown when life would triumph over death.

The presence of God entered the city that day, but the city had not prepared their hearts for their King. They selfishly thought His entering into the city meant the end of Roman occupation. But nothing in their hearts had changed. They expected God's favor to rest upon them because they were children of Abraham. When they quoted Psalm 118 that day, they missed the purpose of the Psalm. Today the presence of God comes to us also. Have you prepared your heart to receive what He wants to do in your life? This Palm Sunday let's celebrate the victory that was planned for us before the foundations of the world!

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