

“Palm Sunday”

(Ephesians 5:19)

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Palm Sunday

I. Introduction

A. Songs we’ve just sung

1. *Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest*
2. Why do we sing “Hosanna?”
 - a. What does it mean?
3. And what’s it have to do with *Palm Sunday*?

B. Last weekLuke 10:38-42

1. Mary and Martha
 - a. Martha, the distracted sister
 1. Hospitality....but complained
 - b. Mary, the devoted sister
 1. “At the feet of Jesus”
 2. Chose the best thing
2. The sisters mentioned two other times
3. Later at the death of their brother Lazarus (John 11:1-44)
 - a. Jesus got word of it
 - b. Cautioned not to go near Jerusalem

1. He was a marked man
 - c. Martha was all business when Jesus arrived
 - d. Mary fell at the feet of Jesus
 - e. Lazarus in the grave for four days
 - f. A spectacular...and public...miracle
 - g. Led up to the events of the crucifixion
4. The impact of this miracle (John 11:45-48)

(45) Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

(46) But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. (47) Then the chief priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. (48) If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

5. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter
 - a. A lot happened between this Sunday and next
 1. Jesus drove the money changers out of the Temple
 - a. On Monday
 2. Jesus did some phenomenal teaching
 3. The Last Supper
 4. The Garden of Gethsemane
 5. The Crucifixion on Friday
 6. The Glorious Resurrection on Sunday
 - b. But something else happened the night before Palm Sunday
 1. The third and final time we see Mary and Martha

2. John 12:1-11

(1) Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. (2) Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. (3) Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

(4) But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, (5) "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." (6) He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

(7) "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. (8) You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

(9) Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. (10) So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, (11) for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

6. The next day John 12:12-13

(12) The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. (13) They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

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

"Blessed is the King of Israel!"

B. Palm Sunday...or the Triumphal Entry

1. As they moved from the house of Mary and Martha
 - a. Started down toward Jerusalem
2. The disciples broke out in unison
 - a. Luke 19:37-40

(37) When Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen (38)

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

(39) Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

(40) “I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

3. The crowd grew as they moved toward Jerusalem

a. Matthew 21:8-11

(8) A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (9) The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, (sang?)

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

(10) When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

(11) The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

b. Hosanna

1. “Save us now!”

c. “Son of David” – Name for coming Messiah

1. Expected military deliverance

d. The Passover meant deliverance

1. 1500 years earlier from Egypt

2. Now from Rome – “Save us now!”

4. Let’s finish the Palm Sunday Story

- a. Things turned nasty on Monday
 - b. The money changers in the Temple
 - c. “My Father’s House”
5. Jesus was already a wanted man because of Lazarus
- a. John 11:53-57

(53) So from that day on they plotted to take his life. (54) Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. (54) When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for the ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. (56) They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, “What do you think? Isn’t he coming to the Feast at all?” (57) But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

6. All leading up to the resurrection
- a. Next Sunday
 - b. “The Third Cross”
 - c. Then, “Heaven and Hell”
 - d. Then “Mothers Day”

C. The words of the Palm Sunday crowds

1. Did they sing or chant?
 - a. Not much different
 - b. Gregorian Chants
2. We sing those same words today
 - a. Hosanna
3. Music is everywhere
 - a. Supermarkets

- b. Elevators
 - c. Watching people drive cars
- 4. Singing to a baby
- 5. The first song I remember?
 - a. “Jesus loves me this I know”
 - b. No finer statement of doctrine

D. Music has always played a key role in the Church

- 1. A source of comfort in a time of grief
 - a. “It is well with my soul”
- 2. A source of power in the great crusades
 - a. D.L. Moody.....Ira Sankey
 - b. John Wesley.....Charles Wesley
 - c. Billy Graham.....George Beverly Shea
 - d. Moody

“Music accompanies all great revivals and does as much as the preaching to instill the Word of God.”

- 3. Music in my church...
 - a. Some of my fondest memories
 - b. Instilled in me the Word of God
- 4. The music we’ve sung today

E. Today.....a quick look at music in the Bible

II. Music in the Bible

A. The Choir of Miriam (Exodus 15:20-21)

1. Crossing the Red Sea
2. Miriam, the sister of Moses led the women in a dance with tambourines
 - a. Exodus 15:20-21

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrels in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them: "Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

B. The Celebration of Deborah (Judges 5:1-31)

1. Celebrating the defeat of the Canaanites
2. Led them in a song of worship

C. The Moving of the Ark (I Chronicles 13:7-8)

1. I Chronicles 13:7-8

Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

D. The Prophets' Choir (I Samuel 10:5)

1. I Samuel 10:5

And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying."

E. The Coronation of Solomon (I Kings 1:39-40)

1. Note the joy and excitement
2. I Kings 1:39-40

"Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound."

F. The Temple Dedication (II Chronicles 5:11-14)

1. All 24 major choirs there at once
 - a. 150 people per choir
 - b. Normally each was there for two weeks
 - c. All 24 (4,000 singers) there for Passover
 - d. 120 trumpets!
2. When they sang and played....the glory of the Lord came!
 - a. II Chronicles 5:11-14

When the 4,000 singers.... *“stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them 120 priests sounding with trumpets...indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,’ that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.*

G. The Book of Psalms

1. The source of so much modern praise music
 - a. The Psalter
2. Written by God
 - a. Inspired as well as inspiring

*****Let's jump to the New Testament**

H. Paul and Silas in Jail (Acts 16)

1. Their painful conditions
2. The midnight earthquake

(25) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

I. After the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:30)

1. Matthew 26:30

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

J. The Book of Revelation

1. Singing in Heaven (Revelation 5)
2. Saw a peek at it last Sunday

K. The Music of Ephesians 5:18-20

****some great lessons for the people of Chapel Pointe*

1. *The first indication of being filled by the Holy Spirit*

(18) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, (19) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

- a. Controlled by God's Spirit....not alcohol
- b. There's a new song in my heart

2. *We are to sing “to the Lord”*

(19) ...Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, (20) always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- a. Not to the person in front of you
- b. “I surrender all”
- c. The key to new “praise music”

1. “O Lord you're Beautiful”

2. “I love you Lord”

3. *There are various types of Christian music*

(19) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

a. Psalms

1. To God
2. The Book of Psalms
3. Being rediscovered today
 - a. One of the greatest periods of Christian music

b. Hymns

1. Songs “about God”
2. Affirming what we believe
3. Songs today

c. Spiritual Songs

1. A personal testimony
2. Sharing what God has done for you

4. A chance for all to participate

(19) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

- a. During the Middle Ages only the priests allowed to sing
- b. Martin Luther changed that too!
 1. Wrote 37 songs
- c. The privilege of being able to sing praises to God
 1. The devil hates it when you sing praises to God!

5. A reflection of your heart

(19) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

- a. “Singing and making melody in your heart”

- b. The joy of the Lord is overflowing!

“O Lord you’re beautiful. Your face is all I seek. And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abides with me.”

6. An encouragement to others

(19) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

- a. How we “*speak*” to each other
- b. Use your talents and gifts to encourage other believers
- c. Songs that touch hearts

III. Summary

A. The importance of the closing song

- 1. Seals what has been said
- 2. Time to respond and decide
- 3. Time of pure worship

B. Picking up where Palm Sunday left off

- 1. They soon turned on the one they sang about
- 2. But a time is coming...
- 3. “Revelation Song”

*Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is his name.
Sing a new song, to him who
Sits on, Heavens mercy seat*

*Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be to you
The only wise King*

*Filled with wonder,
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery*

****your response*

Chorus
*Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And – I – will – adore You!*