

THE KING IS COMING

Dear Friend;

I am confident everyone reading this knows this Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the most important week of Christianity. 2,000 years ago, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Triumphal Entry is one of the few events in the life of Jesus recorded in all four gospels. Putting all four gospels together we have a complete picture of what it must have been like for Jesus, his disciples, and all the people present on the day of the event.

In ancient Middle Eastern times if a king were riding into a city on a horse he was coming in as a conquering king. If he rode into a city on a donkey, they were coming in peace. Jesus rode into Jerusalem symbolizing a king who brings peace. This is the first of several different symbolic things connected with Palm Sunday. A second symbolic piece of Palm Sunday is the waving of palm branches and laying them on the ground. A carry-over from the Old Testament, it pays homage to a king and symbolizes his coronation. Palm Sunday was Jesus' first coronation and seen locally in Jerusalem. Christ's second coming will be his second and ultimate coronation, seen globally. A third symbolic act on Palm Sunday was the people shouting "hosanna". Hosanna was shouted to a king during his coronation. Hosanna is "Lord save us" in Hebrew. The people gathered to welcome-in king Jesus hoping they were coronating a Jewish king who would restore Israel and finally bring peace. Sadly, a few days later some in the crowd were part of the crowd that shouted: "Crucify him". They did not realize his kingdom was not of this world and the peace he gave was an inner peace that no ruling army could take away.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike

Prayer: Krystal Mitchell & family (the preschool director's mother, Debbie Williams passed away), Dick Fisher, families of the victims in Texas school shooting.

Events: Making Easter Eggs March 30 & 31. Easter Lillies – we have 7 available at \$10 each, let Pastor Mike know if you would like to buy one in honor or memory of someone.