

## The Original Palm Sunday

John 12:12-19; Luke 19:29-44

### 1. A Key Day in the Schedule of Messianic Prophecy

December 445 B.C. Nehemiah receives report about the bad conditions in Jerusalem (Neh 1:1)

March 5, 444 B.C. Artaxerxes decrees that Nehemiah return to complete the construction of Jerusalem's city walls (Neh 2:1).

Gabriel's message of the 70 "weeks" to Daniel  
Hebrew for "week" can mean 7 periods of any unit of time.  
In the context of this prophecy, "week" = a unit of 7 years.

$7 + 62 = 69$  "weeks" (Daniel 9:25)

A prophetic year = 360 days (Revelation 11:2-3)

$69 \text{ "weeks"} \times 7 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ days}$

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March 30, A.D. 33 (Nisan 10, A.D. 33) Triumphant Entry of Jesus.

April 3, A.D. 33 Messiah was "cut off" (Daniel 9:26) by crucifixion.

### 2. A Key Day in the Schedule of Passover Week, Exodus 12:3-6.

The day lambs to be used for Passover meals were to be taken up to Jerusalem and kept for 3 days.

### 3. A Day of seismic Change in Jesus' Ministry Strategy.

A. The Expectation of the Crowd, (Psalm 118:26).  
"Hosanna!, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
*even the King of Israel.*"

B. The Expectation of the Crowd Contradicted (John 12:14-15).  
Zechariah 9:9-10. Following Zechariah's portrait of the Messiah's initial coming, Jesus chose a symbol of peace and humility rather than war and power.

Question: Will we follow the crowd or tell the crowd about the greatness of Jesus?

## A Harmony of John and Luke's Accounts of the Original Palm Sunday

**John 12: 12** On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, **13** took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and *began* to cry out, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." (Psalm 118:25-26)

**Luke 19:29** And it came about that when He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village opposite *you*, in which as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it, and bring it *here*. **31** "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' thus shall you speak, 'The Lord has need of it.'" **32** And those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. **33** And as they were un-tying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** And they said, "The Lord has need of it." **35** And they brought it to Jesus, and they threw their garments on the colt.

**John 12:14** And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, **15** "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT." (Zechariah 9:9-10).  
**16** These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him and that they had done these things to Him. **17** And so the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness. **18** For this cause also the multitude went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

**Luke 19:37** And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, **38** saying, "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" **39** And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." **40** And He answered and said, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" **41** And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it, **42** saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. **43** "For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, **44** and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

**John 12: 19** The Pharisees therefore said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."