



**Palm
Sunday**

What are the Chances ?

He Entered Triumphantly

Zechariah 9:9; John 12:1-18

- **Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt. NLT
- “Jesus’ fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures on Palm Sunday is recorded in all four New Testament Gospel Accounts: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.

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What are the Chances – 3 Significance of the Palm

1. The Palm Signifies REJOICING

- Leviticus 23:39-42
- **People who want happiness without holiness are destined to be disappointed.**
- Romans 14:17

2. The Palm Signifies God's SALVATION

- **John 12:12-16** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ESV
- **Psalms 118:22-27**

3. The Palm Signifies VICTORY

- Revelation 7:9-10

What are The Chances – Crucify?

- The crowd that welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday recognized the event's importance but misunderstood its purpose.
- The same people who praised Him on Palm Sunday would later turn against Him at the instigation of the Pharisees.
Crucify, Crucify, Crucify!!!

What are the Chances – I Will Never Leave You or Forsake You!

- Hebrews 13:5-6
- Dialogue with the Lord:

When Jesus approaches our lives, we have three possible reactions:

- false praise, resistance, or humble acceptance.
- False praise involves saying the right things while still seeking personal gain without truly recognizing Jesus' lordship.
- Resistance arises when we perceive His lordship as a threat to our way of life.
- Humble acceptance involves acknowledging our shortcomings and surrendering all our life to Jesus as Lord and King.

