


The image features a background of vertical bamboo strips. Several long, thin, green palm fronds are arranged diagonally across the frame, overlapping the text. The text 'Palm Sunday' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and partially obscured by the fronds.

**Palm
Sunday**



**Parades,
Jesus,
Palm Trees,
and US**

Pop Quiz (True or False)

1. According to the Gospels, the people waved palm branches when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
2. The date of Jesus' triumphal entry-five days before Passover-was a special holiday in his time.
3. By their actions, the people were publicly proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah.
4. The fact that Jesus rode a donkey portrayed him as a warrior king.

5. The shouts of "Hosanna!" meant "Praise the Lord!"

6. The route Jesus chose for his triumphal entry was down the side of Mount Zion.

7. When the people spread branches and garments in Jesus' path it was to pay him honor.

8. The shouts of "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" were words of a Jewish hymn.

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. True

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Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords

- Daniel 7:13-14
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Hebrews 1:3-4
- Book of Revelation we see Jesus' Kingdom made manifest!
- Revelation 17:14
- Revelation 19:11-16

Why Palm Branches?



- 1 Kings 6
- Tokens of Joy and Triumph
 - Leviticus 23:40 Nehemiah 8:15
 - Feast of Booths
- Ezekiel 41
- Revelation 7:9-10

Palm Trees and Us

I. The Heart of the Date Palm

- The Date Palm grows out from its center. It grows from the inside out.
- We are to grow in Christ from our hearts! Inside to out!
- The outward man is forever perishing!
- Psalm 92:12-15** But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. 13 For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. 14 Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. 15 They will declare, "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!" NLT

II. The Root System of a Date Palm

- **Date Palms have this unique root system as well.** They have roots that go deep in the soil and that can absorb the smallest of water sources.
- We are to be deeply connected to our source of Living Water!
- **Date Palms can withstand the great wind and rainstorms.**
- In a storm they don't break. Instead, they bend down.
- **Date Palms also grow in clumps and they intertwine their root systems with one another.**
- When the storm comes, they are intertwined supporting one another. They are sharing space and helping one another.

III. The Usefulness of a Date Palm

- One of the reasons the Date Palm became a favorite among God's People was its resourcefulness. Its fruit, its branches, its lumber and even its roots were all valuable.
- The Date Palm was also a great signpost.
 - Water, Shelter and Comfort nearby!
- What are we offering those who come our way?
 - Living Water
 - Shelter
 - Place of help and assistance
 - Life and Growth

IV. The Sweetness of the Date Palm

- Palm trees - the more they mature, the better fruit that they provide.
- Older – shriveled, bitter, critical and judgmental
- Older – Flourishing, sweeter, more enjoyable
- As we grow in Christ, we are to become more attractive in the Spirit and more of a benefit to those around us.

Conclusion:

Palm Tree and Date Palm Followers of Christ

- **Growing from the inside out**
- **Growing deeper, drinking Living Water**
- **Growing together, connected, supporting one another!**
- **Signpost: Living Water, Shelter, Assistance, Life and Growth**
- **Mature – Sweeter, Productive and Enjoyable**