

Palm Sunday

What did Jesus' **triumphal entry** mean to:

- (1) The Jewish Crowd
- (2) The Religious Leaders
- (3) Jesus Himself
- (4) Jesus' Disciples

The Jewish Crowd

The Jewish crowd **welcomed** Jesus as king and messiah.

They waved palm branches.

They shouted Psalm 118, a messianic psalm.

The Jewish Crowd

The Jewish crowd welcomed Jesus as king.

But they wanted:

- (1) A **military king**
- (2) A military king **of Israel**
- (3) A military king of Israel, **who would make the nations serve Him**

The Religious Leaders

The religious leaders **rejected** Jesus as king.

They wanted to kill Him.

Jesus Himself

The Jewish crowd wanted a **military king**.

But Jesus came as a king **to bring peace**
(Zech 9:10).

Jesus Himself

The Jewish crowd wanted a military king **of Israel**.

But Jesus came as a king **for the whole world** (Zech 9:10).

Jesus Himself

The Jewish crowd wanted a military king of Israel, **who would make the nations serve Him** .

But Jesus came as a **servant king, not to be served, but to serve.**

Jesus Himself

The hour has come:

- To be **glorified** (as king)
- Through His **death** (grain of wheat that falls and dies)
- To bring **salvation** for the world (bear fruit)

Jesus Himself

Salvation for the world through His death on the Cross:

- **The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (1:29)**
- **He must be lifted up, so that whoever believes may have eternal life (3:14-15)**
- **When He is lifted up, He will draw all people to Himself (12:32)**

Jesus Himself

Jesus entered Jerusalem as king:

- **King of the whole world**
- **Servant king**
- **King who brings salvation through His glorification and death**

Jesus' Disciples

Jesus entered Jerusalem as king.

But His disciples did not understand (v.16).

Jesus' Disciples

Jesus taught the **necessity** of dying to self:

- (1) It is a must for salvation (v.25)
- (2) It means serving like Jesus (v.26)

Jesus' Disciples

Jesus promised the **reward** of dying to self:

- (1) His presence will be with them (v.26)
- (2) God will honour them (v.26)

The Jewish Crowd

Still here today.

They behold Jesus as king, but only for their own agenda and benefit.

They do not want Him to be the true king of their lives.

The Religious Leaders

Still here today.

They do not behold Jesus as king.

They reject Him as king:

(1) completely; or

(2) in certain areas of their lives.

Jesus' Disciples

Still here today. Thank God!

They behold Jesus as king completely.

They want Him to be the king of their whole lives.

Jesus' Himself

Still here today. Praise God!

**Behold, Jesus is king of the whole world,
and He is the king of salvation.**

**He will return again as king to judge the
world.**

Our Response

How will we behold Jesus?

Will we behold Him like:

- **The Jewish Crowd?**
- **The Religious Leaders?**
- **Jesus' Disciples?**