

PALM SUNDAY: MORE THAN A CELEBRATION — A CALL TO SURRENDER (*Palm Sunday: Hindi lang selebrasyon — ito ay panawagan sa pagsuko*)

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Text: Matthew 21:1-11

MAIN THOUGHT

Palm Sunday is not just about celebrating Jesus—it is a call to fully surrender and follow Him as Lord.

KEY POINTS

I. PALM SUNDAY IS NOT ABOUT EMOTION — IT'S ABOUT RECOGNITION (*Ang Palm Sunday ay hindi lang emosyon — ito ay pagkilala kung sino si Jesus*)

- “Hosanna” means: “Save us now!” / “Iligtas Mo kami ngayon!”
- The crowd recognized Jesus as Savior, but not as Lord
- We often want help from Jesus—but resist surrender

Key Truth: We want salvation without surrender.

II. JESUS ENTERED AS KING — BUT NOT THE KING THEY EXPECTED (*Dumating si Jesus bilang Hari — pero hindi Siya ang haring inaasahan nila*)

- Jesus came in humility (riding on a donkey)
- The people expected a political savior
- Jesus came to transform hearts, not just situations

Key Truth: Will you follow Jesus even when He doesn't meet your expectations?

III. PALM BRANCHES WITHOUT LIFE CHANGE ARE EMPTY (*Walang halaga ang papuri kung walang pagbabago ng buhay*)

- The crowd honored Jesus outwardly but did not surrender inwardly
- Worship without obedience is incomplete

Key Truth: It's easy to praise—but hard to surrender.

IV. PALM SUNDAY IS A CALL TO SURRENDER — NOT JUST CELEBRATE (*Ang Palm Sunday ay panawagan sa pagsuko — hindi lang selebrasyon*)

Luke 9:23

- Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and follow Him
- Christianity is not admiration—it is obedience

Key Truth: Don't just praise Jesus—follow Him.

V. WATER BAPTISM: FROM CHEERING JESUS TO FOLLOWING JESUS (*Water Baptism: Mula sa pagsigaw ng Hosanna tungo sa tunay na pagsunod kay Jesus*)

Romans 6:4

- Water Baptism is a public declaration of surrender
- It represents death to the old life and new life in Christ
Key Truth: If there is resurrection, something must die. “Hindi ka lang lulubog sa tubig—ililibing ang dating ikaw.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I just part of the crowd, or a true follower of Jesus?
- What area of my life do I need to surrender to God?
- What is stopping me from fully obeying Jesus?
- Am I ready to take the next step, including Water Baptism?

NEXT STEP

- Move from celebration to surrender
- Move from belief to obedience
- Move from crowd to disciple

FINAL DECLARATION

“Don’t just shout Hosanna—surrender your life.” “Palm Sunday is not about waving branches—it’s about laying down your life.”