

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## Palm Sunday

### Law/Gospel

Because of my sin, Jesus had to suffer and die. **Because of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, my sin is no more, and I will live in heaven with Him forever.**

### Bible Words

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Mark 11:9

### Ride On

Jesus' followers sang the praises of their King! Sing your favorite hymns and songs of praise this week. As the week draws closer to Good Friday, consider the stanzas below.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered  
garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal  
pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and  
reign.

LSB 441:1, 5  
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## Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–40

The triumphal entry occurred on the Sunday before Good Friday (John 12:1, 12), which is why Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. John alone mentions palm branches (12:13).

The feast of Passover was approaching, so Jerusalem and its surroundings would have been crowded and chaotic. Jesus was staying in the Bethany area, two miles east of Jerusalem. Most people near the city would have been walking, so a person on a donkey would have been noticed.

### King of the Jews

Jesus is portrayed as a king when He sits upon the colt of a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 that Israel's King would come to Jerusalem "humble and mounted on a donkey." The colt had never been ridden; it was consecrated for the Lord's purposes. Jesus' riding was out of character since He had previously walked everywhere. King Solomon had ridden a mule for his enthronement (1 Kings 1:38–40). By riding the colt into Jerusalem, Jesus publicly announced to His disciples that He was a king. Jerusalem is "the city of the great King" (Matthew 5:35).

The people rolled out the red carpet for Jesus, placing garments and branches before Him, acknowledging His kingship (see 2 Kings 9:13). Jesus' followers shouted words from Psalm 118:25–26, "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" In the Old Testament, *hosanna* meant "Save now!" but by Jesus' time it had evolved into a shout of praise, like "Alleluia!"

Jesus' followers apparently ignored the part of Zechariah 9:9 that predicted the King would be "humble." Had they forgotten that He predicted His own death and resurrection? They would soon realize that He would only show power and glory after suffering and dying to achieve their salvation. His kingship would be shown on the cross as He wore a crown of thorns with the words "King of the Jews" above His head.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross and rising from the dead to save us from sin, death, and the devil. Amen.*

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## Easter

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### Law/Gospel

The cost of my sin is death.

**Jesus died for me and rose again in payment for my sin, fulfilling God's demands and securing my forgiveness and eternal life with Him in heaven.**

### Bible Words

Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20

### Alleluia

Today is a very exciting day! Without Easter, we wouldn't have the hope of eternal life. With Easter, we can live every day in the hope of our risen Savior.

One way we show our joy is by saying, "Alleluia!" See if you can count every time you say or sing *alleluia* today.

### He Is Risen!

When we are excited, we use exclamation points! This is clear in our Easter hymns. Grab your hymnal and count how many exclamation points you can find in the Easter section. Search the Internet for some of your favorite Easter songs. Then, sing with exclamation points!

## Easter

Mark 15:1–16:8

**P**aul makes it clear:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

(1 Corinthians 15:12–21; emphasis added)

## Good, Bad Friday

Good Friday is the best of days and the worst of days. It is the worst because it reveals the gravity of our sin and the divine wrath sin arouses—a wrath so immense that only the sacrifice of God's Son could quench its flames. But more important, it is the best of days, for on it, the Father reveals His heart to us. How much God loves us is forever portrayed in the crucifixion and resurrection of His Son. He demonstrates the extent of His great love for us. He stopped at nothing—even sacrificing His own Son—to assure that we could live with Him in heaven eternally.

## Prayer

*Jesus, thank You for saving us from sin and death. Thank You for eternal life! Amen.*

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