



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 – Palm Sunday

**Read:** Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus was getting ready to complete God's rescue plan and knew he had to go into Jerusalem. He told two of his disciples to go ahead of him, they would find a donkey and a colt, they needed to untie the colt and bring it to him. Jesus did this to fulfil the prophecies that were written about the king entering Jerusalem on a donkey. As he got closer to the city the excitement began to build – people waved palm branches, shouted Hosanna, and even put their cloaks on the ground for the donkey to walk on. Everyone was so excited to see Jesus – except for the Pharisees – they did not like the welcome Jesus was getting and told him to tell everyone to be quiet. Jesus said something surprising – he said even if the people were quiet the stones would still yell out! This is the start of Holy Week and God's rescue plan happening on earth.

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

I wonder what kind of animal you would have expected Jesus to use. I wonder what the crowd would have been feeling as Jesus came near. Why do you think they laid down their cloaks? What did the crowd shout? Why did Jesus do all these things?

**Do:** Colouring Page – <http://www.getcoloringpages.com/coloring/6148>

Reflective Colouring Page - <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2017/04/hosanna-palm-sunday-reflective.html>

Craft - <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/05/24/jesus-rides-a-donkey-into-jerusalem/>

Puzzles - [https://wordmint.com/public\\_puzzles/717853](https://wordmint.com/public_puzzles/717853)

**Pray:** Jesus this Easter I have no palm leaves to wave to honour you as King. All I have are the empty palms of my outstretched hands. Take my hands today and use them to honour you. Amen.

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,  
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen

(Taken from Praying Together)

**Share:** How would you welcome Jesus if he was coming to your house today? Can you make a poster to welcome him?