

Palms & Pandemic: Worshipping Christ in the Midst of Crisis

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Key Truth:

We lay our Palms at our King's Feet because He is Worthy to be Worshiped.

In Jesus' Day, Jewish Pilgrims were on their way to Jerusalem during the Passover. With the coming of their King, they worshiped joyfully. Of course, their hearts were not completely pure, but Jesus accepted their worship anyway (see Luke 19:40). They were under Roman Oppression but they still laid down their palm branches at Jesus' feet in worship to their King. And We can too.

DISCUSS

Read **Matthew 21:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **Worshipping Christ in the Midst of Crisis**.

DIG IN

The following four truths about Jesus gleaned from the Triumphal Entry story can help us continue worshipping Christ in the midst of Crisis:

1. Jesus Christ is our Authoritative King. (Matthew 21:1-3)

Jesus has proven that he has Authority over nature, the church, the family, disease, even human government. Yet, why is it so hard to submit to his authority?

In the sermon way stated that "we lay down the Palm of our Sinfulness to Christ's Authority." What does that look like in practical terms?

2. Jesus Christ is our Humble King. (Matthew 21:4-5)

Read Zechariah 9:9: What does this tell us about Jesus, beyond just his humility?

3. Jesus Christ is our Savior-King. (Matthew 21:6-9)

Though we're thankful for many in our world who help preserve our health, Jesus is the only One who can truly save. In what ways do we attempt to "save" ourselves?

4. Jesus Christ is our Prophet-King. (Matthew 21:10-11)

Read Deuteronomy 18:15-18: In what ways is Jesus the ultimate Prophet?

In the sermon we stated that "we lay down the Palm of our Distress to Christ's Hope-filled Word." What are some distresses in your life that we should lay down at Jesus' feet?

DO

Review the following lessons. Describe for the group the one that challenges you the most:

- 1) This crisis can keep us from Gathering, but it can't keep us from Worshiping.
- 2) If this crisis is Humbling us, it just means that God is Healing us.
- 3) Though we take Precautions, we look to Jesus for our Protection.
- 4) Though it may get far Worse, Jesus promises that, in the end, it will be far Better.