



# Concordia News

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One of the mysteries of Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday April 5, is the fact that one day a crowd gathered to praise Jesus entry



into Jerusalem and in a very short period of time, gathered to not only evict him from the city but also to kill him. Otherwise moral people are capable of doing evil deeds when swept up into "crowd fever." For evidence of this one need only look to Nazi Germany and the demise of Jews at the hands of crowds. In our own country men in crowds lynching innocence people just because of the color of their skin. During Holy Week we can see not only the frailty/sinfulness of humanity but also our own brokenness/sinfulness. In stark contrast, however, we also see a man of deep integrity and even deeper love who knew that the only way to save humanity (including you and me) was to submit to human evil, be crucified and buried for the purpose of being raised from the dead. In this event we find our one and only true hope for this life and the life to come.

I would like to spend a little time delving into Palm Sunday. What it was and more particularly what it means for you and me today. I pass the following on to you from the website, "GraspingGod.com" as I found it to get at the major themes of this Holy Day.

The adoring people were praising him, laying down their clothes for him. The Jews, by tradition, waved date palm branches at their king, laying them down in his pathway. Now you know the meaning of Palm Sunday's name

The Jews knew they finally had their King! Jesus was their Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and David - all in one! He would be the new glorious King of Israel, their promised Messiah! They heard about Jesus' miracles, Jesus' teachings and all the greatness of Jesus' life. Now he rides into town on a colt! They were calling him Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. He would lead them out of bondage to the Romans and rule over their beloved nation of Israel!

Unfortunately, the Jews didn't understand the true meaning of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday was to reveal the Kingship of Jesus, true, but it wasn't an earthly rule. **Jesus made himself a King, alright, but he was the King of the Kingdom of God. It's a heavenly kingdom that reigns over all the universe.** It's a spiritual kingdom without boundaries, without conquering armies and without end. God would rebuild national Israel in the distant future, but not now.

### ***The Real Meaning Of Palm Sunday***

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, signifying his gentle humility. His kingdom was meant to be ruled by peace. Had he mounted a strong white stallion he would have signaled a fight for an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' royal court members weren't clothed in dazzling gems and shiny robes, but nearly naked and wearing sandals. They were fishermen, prostitutes, and tax collectors - NOT princes and soldiers. **The real meaning of Palm Sunday, then, is that Jesus Christ is King of the peaceful, spiritual, heavenly Kingdom of God.**

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**COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. ~ EVERY SUNDAY**

## ***Dark Undertones Of Palm Sunday***

Pontius Pilate knew he had nothing to fear with this man - there would be no threat to Rome from Jesus Christ. The Sanhedrin (aka the Pharisees and Sadducees), on the other hand, had serious concerns (**John 11:45-53**). They incorrectly feared Jesus would bring the Roman's wrath upon Jerusalem. They were also envious of Jesus' adulation, thusly hating this so-called "King of the Jews." They were so enraged by this triumphant procession that they ground their jaws, clinched their fists and spit the vitriol that boiled within them. Mercy. Had the religious leaders (aka hypocrites) known the Hebrew Scriptures, they would have known that Jesus was their true Messiah, the Son of God (**Matthew 22:29**).

**However, people putting their religion before God become idolators blinded to the Bible. Personal sin blinds people to God's reality and truth.** The religious leaders loved the glamor of their positions more than they loved God. Therefore, they feared that Jesus threatened their job security. They valued the successful business model they created at the Temple. The last thing on their minds was God's Son, their Messiah. They were spiritually blind to the Savior of the world (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

## ***Meaning Of Palm Sunday Hidden To Some People***

Jesus made a tremendous statement on this day: **the meaning of Palm Sunday is that Jesus Christ is the Chosen One of God - the King of kings. Jesus is the sovereign ruler over all the Universe!** The worshipers didn't know the extent of it, the Sanhedrin didn't believe it, and the Romans didn't really care. But, for the biblical record that was to come, for our benefit, take note that **Jesus Christ accepted the Kingship of heaven on Palm Sunday.** History reveals this day was his true triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his city and our future, eternal home (**Revelation 21:2**).

Palm Sunday history also reveals that in a few days the wickedness of the common people would be unencumbered by the Spirit (**2 Thessalonians 2:7**). Their evil hearts had free reign (**Jeremiah 17:9**). The result would be Jesus on the cross, hanging high over Calvary. The reigning King of the Kingdom of God would be utterly rejected by mankind. The King would be tortured beyond recognition and finally murdered.

Today's adoring crowds, who waved date palm branches at their long-awaited King, being displaced by a sinful mob thrusting their fists in hate. "Crucify him!" (**Matthew 27:23b**). It should sadden all of us who love Jesus, knowing and understanding how he suffered during this week of his life.

## ***Grasp This!***

Now you know what happened on Palm Sunday. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a colt donkey, coming in the name of a peaceful, sovereign God. People were adoring Jesus Christ with excited, grateful hearts. Palm Sunday was a glorious day, but with temporal, dark undertones. Complete human rejection was forthcoming. Jesus' crucifixion was beckoning. Suffering awaited.

Finally, even God the Father would forsake his Son five days hence. Jesus rode into Jerusalem peacefully on a colt. Jesus, with you and me in mind, rode through human praises on a donkey. He accepted the anointing of Kingship over God's eternal, heavenly Kingdom. He withstood the most grueling of human torture. Love for his Father and for you and me, drove him to the cross (**John 3:16**). He rose from death - first to earth, and then to heaven. He reigns from his throne now - waiting for you and me to join him. This amazing King will also anoint each of us, so we can reign with him over the Kingdom (**2 Timothy 2:12a; Revelation 20:6**).

**What is the ultimate meaning of Palm Sunday? From God's perspective, Palm Sunday was the necessary anointing of Jesus Christ to his rightful throne.** The Kingdom of God was awaiting its Ruler. Jesus Christ the King would finally come and rule from the right hand of God.

May you and yours be richly blessed this season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter,

*Pastor Bruce*

**Coffee and Cookie Servers**

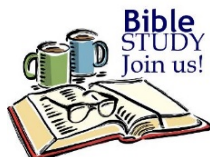
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- April 26 Orpha Hoelstad



**Supper at 5 p.m.  
Services follow  
Wednesdays March 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Bible Study**

Bible Study dates/times will be announced at Sunday Worship



**Donations**

**Concordia Cemetery**

*In memory of Sally Horpedahl  
Ruth & Bill Farabee*

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**Concordia Ladies**

Tuesday, March 10  
1:30 p.m.  
Fryn' Pan



**Join The Romeos!**

*Retired Old Men Eating Out*  
7:30 a.m., March 27  
Fryn' Pan



*Pastoral Care* If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



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**Veteran's Coffee Hour**

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from 10-noon Wednesday, March 11.



**Sunday  
March 8**

Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 7.

**First  
Day  
of  
Spring  
Friday  
March 20**



# Concordia Lutheran Church

## Ham Dinner



**Sunday, April 12, 2020**  
**Serving from 11:00 am- 1:00pm**

**Free Will Offering**























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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 PURPLE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  PEGGY KRAGNES 	2  RALPH & BARB GROVER 	3 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm 	4  Lenten Supper & Service—5 pm	5 11 Vet's Coffee 10 am—Noon  Lenten Supper & Service—5 pm	6 WES TOMMERDAHL 	7  KATHY GROVER
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