



## PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

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In Matthew 21:1-9, Jesus sent two of His disciples into the village to find a donkey. It was to be a colt which had never been ridden before. He needed the colt to ride on as He entered the city of Jerusalem.

No one can ride a colt that is not broken first, yet Jesus did! He rode on the colt into the city while a multitude of people spread their clothes on the road. Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road to make a sort of "Carpet" for Him to ride on.

As Jesus rode the donkey along on this "Carpet", the people followed Him and cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus was riding into the city where He was going to be crucified. He eventually allowed them to arrest Him. He was beaten and had a crown of thorns put on His head. They put a robe on Him and mocked Him. Finally, they nailed Him to the cross.

But after three days, Jesus rose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven where He sits beside His Heavenly Father.

He went through so much for us. He gave His life so that we might have eternal life. The only way to heaven is by confessing our sin and make Jesus the Lord of our life.

As He sits beside His Father, He prays for us. Just think, He is still doing something for us! The question is: What are we doing for Him?

This Easter we could go to church and worship Him for what he did for us on the cross. We could also talk to Him everyday and thank Him for the blessings of the day. Maybe you have had so many blessings you can't count them all. Maybe you don't even recognize them. Each day that you are healthy, have a roof over your head and food on your table, you are blessed!

You wouldn't have a job if it weren't for the Lord. So, thank Him for your job. Thank Him for your family. Thank Him for your health. Thank Him that you even have a car, or friends that you can trust.

Thank Him for loving you and taking care of you at times when you didn't even deserve it.

We can't run around and spread a carpet on the ground as they did when He rode on the donkey, but we can lift our hands, as the Bible tells us, to praise Him.

Maybe you can think of others who have a need and you can reach out to help them. That is doing something for the Lord.

The best thing of all is to give our life to Him by receiving His Son as our Lord and Savior then and put Him first in everything we do.

Praise God we have a living God who loves us!

Happy Easter!