



## The Three Truths of Palm Sunday

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**Focus** Jesus came to bring a permanent solution to our problems.

**Fun** Have you ever ridden a horse or a donkey?

**Review** Key Scriptures: John 12:12–15; Psalm 118:25–26, 107; Zechariah 9:9

#### 1. **Save Now**

“Hosanna!” means “save now.” In Psalm 107, the Israelites experienced troubles and cried out to God who saved them. Then they thanked Him. God wants us to cry out to Him. He wants to save us, but He wants us to practice thanking Him as well.

#### 2. **Fear Not**

This is the most frequently repeated command in the Bible. God wants us to turn to Him, trust Him, and not be afraid of our circumstances.

#### 3. **Not as We Expect**

Kings in ancient times entered cities on a warhorse, seated high above others. But Jesus did not come as expected by His people, the Jews. He came lowly on the back of a donkey’s foal. They were looking for their Messiah to solve temporary problems, but Jesus came to give a permanent solution to our problems. When He was who they *wanted* Him to be, they gave Him palms and exaltations. When He was who they *needed* Him to be, they gave Him a crown of thorns.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Join the UNITE714 movement that has churches around the world praying every day. Encourage your group to visit [unite714.com](http://unite714.com)!

## **Discuss**

1. During this time of quarantine, how are you asking God to help you? Does He hear your cries? Find Scripture to back up your answers.
2. How can we help and minister to others during this time?
3. Is thankfulness a practice in your life? How can you begin being thankful to God today for all He has done?
4. How can you combat fear? Find biblical answers to support your answers.
5. In what other ways did Jesus shatter expectations throughout His life and ministry in the New Testament?
6. When God has come to your rescue in the past, did He show up the way you anticipated? If not, how did He rescue you?

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- Cry out to God but take on a lifestyle of praise and give thanks to Him.
- Fear not.
- Expect the unexpected from God.

## **Prayer**

Father God, thank You for coming in the flesh, dying for our sins, and rising from the grave! Thank You for breaking the chains of sin and death to give us life. We pray that You awaken those who are asleep and enlighten hearts to know You. Bring healing to our land, Lord Jesus. Pour out Your Holy Spirit to refresh, renew, and bring revival! We praise You for the things You are doing that we cannot see, and we trust that one day soon we will shout hallelujah and hosanna at Your coming! In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** If you or someone in your group needs prayer or support during this time, text CONNECT to 71010, or if you have made a decision to follow Jesus, text DECISION to 71010.