**OBSERVATIONS FROM PALM SUNDAY**

**3/28/2021**

***9****Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.****10****So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,****11****for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.* John 12:9-11

*Lazarus:*

*Believing in him.*

***12****The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.****13****They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”* John 12:12-13

*Palm branches:*Kings / Royalty In Jesus’ Day: Would ride into a town on donkey to bring “PEACE”. Horse = War…

*Hosanna:* Hosanna = Save Now!

**Key: Prophetic Messianic fulfillment** of Psalm 118:28

***39****Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”* ***40****“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”* Luke 19:39-40

***14****Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:* ***15****“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”* John 12:14

*Donkey.*

**Jesus’ Messianic fulfillment:** (400-500 years prior)

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*. Zechariah 9:9

***16****At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.* John 12:16

*Realize.*

The crowds looked for a Messiah who would rescue them ***politically*** and free them ***nationally***, but Jesus had come to save them ***spiritually***.

**Key: God’s Word is More Essential than The Crowds Opinion.**

***17****Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.****18****Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.*John 12:17-18

***19****So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him****!”*** John 12:19

**Jewish Calendar: Nissan 10.**

**Passover Lambs: Sacrificed on Nissan 14**

Palm Sunday is when Families would pick/choose their lambs!

**Jesus mentioned often how HE was the Lamb of God, to take away sins…**

**KEY**: Jesus was entering into Jerusalem to be “the spotless lamb of God”

**Jesus Purpose**: *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* Luke 19:10