

Palm Sunday

~ according to John 12:12-15 ~

What does Scripture say?	What's going on?	Talking to Jesus
<p>12: On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,</p>	<p>Jerusalem was filling with roughly half a million people who were coming from all over the known world to celebrate the Passover.</p>	<p>Jesus, would I travel hundreds of miles to show my faith in you? Where am I in my faith journey?</p>
<p>13: They took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord, even the king of Israel."</p>	<p>Palm branches were like Freedom Flags to the Jews. They symbolized freedom from oppressors and the desecration of their Temple.</p> <p>By singing this Psalm (Psalm 118), the crowd is proclaiming that Jesus is a true son of David, and that He will follow in David's footsteps as a king of Israel.</p>	<p>Jesus, do I have the courage to proclaim my faith in you publically?</p> <p>Do I put palms on my door? Or do I sit quietly in my home, afraid to acknowledge you?</p> <p>Jesus, do I make you the King of my life? Or do I accept your message, but only follow through when it is easy?</p>
<p>14: Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as it was written:</p>	<p>Kings would commonly come into a city either riding a donkey or a warhorse. Jesus enters on a donkey to show that He comes in peace, not in war.</p>	<p>Jesus, help me to be like the donkey you rode- humble, obedient, stubborn in my faith for you.</p>
<p>15: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt."</p>	<p>A donkey is a sign of peace. In Hebrew, <i>Shalom</i> is often translated as "peace," but it also means "wholeness, completeness."</p>	<p>Jesus, you said to your disciples, "Peace be with you." You desire me to be whole and complete. Help me to grow in my love of you, that your love may make me complete and whole.</p>
<p>Today's Mission: Place palms on your door and start preparing for this week's pilgrimage!</p>		