



# Palm Sunday Scripture Reading

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## HOSANNA SUNDAY

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### EVENING

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#### LUKE 19:28-40

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#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

<sup>28</sup> When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village opposite *you*, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here*. <sup>31</sup> And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing *it*?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"

<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went their way and found *it* just as He had said to them.

<sup>33</sup> But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of him." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. <sup>36</sup> And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road.

<sup>37</sup> Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying:

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

<sup>40</sup> But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

## MIDNIGHT

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### MATTHEW 21:1-22

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#### MATTHEW 21

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#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

<sup>4</sup> All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

<sup>5</sup> " *Tell the daughter of Zion,*

*' Behold, your King is coming to you,  
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.'*"

<sup>6</sup> So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. <sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

" Hosanna to the Son of David!

*' Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
Hosanna in the highest!'*"

<sup>10</sup> And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup> So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

#### JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "It is written, '*My house shall be called a house of prayer,*' but you have made it a '*den of thieves.*'"

<sup>14</sup> Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read,

*' Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants  
You have perfected praise?'*"<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

### THE FIG TREE WITHERED

<sup>18</sup> Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

### THE LESSON OF THE WITHERED FIG TREE

<sup>20</sup> And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?"

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. <sup>22</sup> And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

## MORNING PRAYER

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### MARK 11:1-26

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#### MARK 11

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#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; <sup>2</sup> and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." <sup>4</sup> So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup> But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" <sup>6</sup> And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

" Hosanna!

*' Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'*

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David  
That comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup> And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### THE FIG TREE WITHERED

<sup>12</sup> Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup> And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."  
And His disciples heard *it*.

## JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

<sup>15</sup> So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>16</sup> And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. <sup>17</sup> Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, '*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations*'? But you have made it a '*den of thieves*.'"

<sup>18</sup> And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. <sup>19</sup> When evening had come, He went out of the city.

## THE LESSON OF THE WITHERED FIG TREE

<sup>20</sup> Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

<sup>22</sup> So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

## FORGIVENESS AND PRAYER

<sup>25</sup> "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

## BEFORE HOLY QURBANA

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### GENESIS 49:8-15

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- <sup>8</sup> “ Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise;  
Your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies;  
Your father’s children shall bow down before you.
- <sup>9</sup> Judah *is* a lion’s whelp;  
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He bows down, he lies down as a lion;  
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
- <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,  
Until Shiloh comes;  
And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.
- <sup>11</sup> Binding his donkey to the vine,  
And his donkey’s colt to the choice vine,  
He washed his garments in wine,  
And his clothes in the blood of grapes.
- <sup>12</sup> His eyes *are* darker than wine,  
And his teeth whiter than milk.
- <sup>13</sup> “ Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea;  
He *shall become* a haven for ships,  
And his border shall adjoin Sidon.
- <sup>14</sup> “ Issachar is a strong donkey,  
Lying down between two burdens;
- <sup>15</sup> He saw that rest *was* good,  
And that the land *was* pleasant;  
He bowed his shoulder to bear *a burden*,  
And became a band of slaves.

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## LEVITICUS 23:33-39

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### THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

<sup>33</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>34</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles *for* seven days to the LORD. <sup>35</sup> On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work *on it*. <sup>36</sup> *For* seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sacred assembly, *and* you shall do no customary work *on it*.

<sup>37</sup> 'These *are* the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day— <sup>38</sup> besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.

<sup>39</sup> 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD *for* seven days; on the first day *there shall be* a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.

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JOB 26:1-14

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JOB 26

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JOB: MAN'S FRAILTY AND GOD'S MAJESTY

- <sup>1</sup> But Job answered and said:
- <sup>2</sup> "How have you helped *him who is* without power?  
*How* have you saved the arm *that has* no strength?
- <sup>3</sup> How have you counseled *one who has* no wisdom?  
And *how* have you declared sound advice to many?
- <sup>4</sup> To whom have you uttered words?  
And whose spirit came from you?
- <sup>5</sup> "The dead tremble,  
Those under the waters and those inhabiting them.
- <sup>6</sup> Sheol *is* naked before Him,  
And Destruction has no covering.
- <sup>7</sup> He stretches out the north over empty space;  
*He* hangs the earth on nothing.
- <sup>8</sup> He binds up the water in His thick clouds,  
Yet the clouds are not broken under it.
- <sup>9</sup> He covers the face of *His* throne,  
*And* spreads His cloud over it.
- <sup>10</sup> He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,  
At the boundary of light and darkness.
- <sup>11</sup> The pillars of heaven tremble,  
And are astonished at His rebuke.
- <sup>12</sup> He stirs up the sea with His power,  
And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.
- <sup>13</sup> By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;  
His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed these *are* the mere edges of His ways,  
And how small a whisper we hear of Him!  
But the thunder of His power who can understand?"

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## 2 SAMUEL 6:1-7

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#### THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM

<sup>1</sup> Again David gathered all *the* choice *men* of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who *were* with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim. <sup>3</sup> So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. <sup>4</sup> And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. <sup>5</sup> Then David and all the house of Israel played *music* before the LORD on all kinds of *instruments* of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out *his hand* to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for *his* error; and he died there by the ark of God.

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JUDGES 9:7-15

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THE PARABLE OF THE TREES

<sup>7</sup> Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

“Listen to me, you men of Shechem,  
That God may listen to you!

<sup>8</sup> “The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them.  
And they said to the olive tree,

‘Reign over us!’

<sup>9</sup> But the olive tree said to them,

‘Should I cease giving my oil,  
With which they honor God and men,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>10</sup> “Then the trees said to the fig tree,

‘You come *and* reign over us!’

<sup>11</sup> But the fig tree said to them,

‘Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>12</sup> “Then the trees said to the vine,

‘You come *and* reign over us!’

<sup>13</sup> But the vine said to them,

‘Should I cease my new wine,  
Which cheers *both* God and men,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>14</sup> "Then all the trees said to the bramble,

'You come *and* reign over us!'

<sup>15</sup> And the bramble said to the trees,

'If in truth you anoint me as king over you,  
*Then* come *and* take shelter in my shade;  
But if not, let fire come out of the bramble  
And devour the cedars of Lebanon!'

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PROVERBS 1:20-33

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THE CALL OF WISDOM

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom calls aloud outside;  
She raises her voice in the open squares.  
<sup>21</sup> She cries out in the chief concourses,  
At the openings of the gates in the city  
She speaks her words:  
<sup>22</sup> " How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?  
For scorners delight in their scorning,  
And fools hate knowledge.  
<sup>23</sup> Turn at my rebuke;  
Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,  
<sup>25</sup> Because you disdained all my counsel,  
And would have none of my rebuke,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when your terror comes,  
<sup>27</sup> When your terror comes like a storm,  
And your destruction comes like a whirlwind,  
When distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> " Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;  
They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
And did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
<sup>30</sup> They would have none of my counsel  
*And* despised my every rebuke.  
<sup>31</sup> Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way,  
And be filled to the full with their own fancies.  
<sup>32</sup> For the turning away of the simple will slay them,  
And the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
<sup>33</sup> But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,  
And will be secure, without fear of evil."

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PROVERBS 16:13-25

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- <sup>13</sup> Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings,  
And they love him who speaks *what is* right.
- <sup>14</sup> As messengers of death *is* the king's wrath,  
But a wise man will appease it.
- <sup>15</sup> In the light of the king's face *is* life,  
And his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter rain.
- <sup>16</sup> How much better to get wisdom than gold!  
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- <sup>17</sup> The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil;  
He who keeps his way preserves his soul.
- <sup>18</sup> Pride *goes* before destruction,  
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
- <sup>19</sup> Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly,  
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- <sup>20</sup> He who heeds the word wisely will find good,  
And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he.
- <sup>21</sup> The wise in heart will be called prudent,  
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.
- <sup>22</sup> Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him who has it.  
But the correction of fools *is* folly.
- <sup>23</sup> The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,  
And adds learning to his lips.
- <sup>24</sup> Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb,  
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.
- <sup>25</sup> There is a way *that seems* right to a man,  
But its end *is* the way of death.

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JOEL 3:16-21

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<sup>16</sup> The LORD also will roar from Zion,  
And utter His voice from Jerusalem;  
The heavens and earth will shake;  
But the LORD will be a shelter for His people,  
And the strength of the children of Israel.  
<sup>17</sup> " So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God,  
Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain.  
Then Jerusalem shall be holy,  
And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

<sup>18</sup> And it will come to pass in that day  
*That* the mountains shall drip with new wine,  
The hills shall flow with milk,  
And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water;  
A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD  
And water the Valley of Acacias.  
<sup>19</sup> " Egypt shall be a desolation,  
And Edom a desolate wilderness,  
Because of violence *against* the people of Judah,  
For they have shed innocent blood in their land.  
<sup>20</sup> But Judah shall abide forever,  
And Jerusalem from generation to generation.  
<sup>21</sup> For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted;  
For the LORD dwells in Zion."

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## 1 KINGS 8:1-6

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### 1 KINGS 8

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#### THE ARK BROUGHT INTO THE TEMPLE

<sup>1</sup> Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of David, which *is* Zion. <sup>2</sup> Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. <sup>4</sup> Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that *were* in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. <sup>5</sup> Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. <sup>6</sup> Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy *Place*, under the wings of the cherubim.

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MICAH 4:1-5

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MICAH 4

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THE LORD'S REIGN IN ZION

<sup>1</sup> Now it shall come to pass in the latter days

*That* the mountain of the LORD's house  
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,  
And shall be exalted above the hills;  
And peoples shall flow to it.

<sup>2</sup> Many nations shall come and say,

" Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths."

For out of Zion the law shall go forth,  
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
And rebuke strong nations afar off;  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
And their spears into pruning hooks;  
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>4</sup> But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree,  
And no one shall make *them* afraid;  
For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> For all people walk each in the name of his god,  
But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
Forever and ever.

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ZEPHANIAH 3:9-20

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<sup>9</sup> “ For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language,  
That they all may call on the name of the LORD,  
To serve Him with one accord.

<sup>10</sup> From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia  
My worshipers,  
The daughter of My dispersed ones,  
Shall bring My offering.

<sup>11</sup> In that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds  
In which you transgress against Me;  
For then I will take away from your midst  
Those who rejoice in your pride,  
And you shall no longer be haughty  
In My holy mountain.

<sup>12</sup> I will leave in your midst  
A meek and humble people,  
And they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness  
And speak no lies,  
Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth;  
For they shall feed *their* flocks and lie down,  
And no one shall make *them* afraid.”

JOY IN GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

<sup>14</sup> Sing, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your judgments,  
He has cast out your enemy.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst;  
You shall see disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“ Do not fear;  
Zion, let not your hands be weak.  
<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God in your midst,  
The Mighty One, will save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet *you* with His love,

He will rejoice over you with singing.”

<sup>18</sup> “ I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly,  
Who are among you,  
*To whom its reproach is a burden.*

<sup>19</sup> Behold, at that time  
I will deal with all who afflict you;  
I will save the lame,  
And gather those who were driven out;  
I will appoint them for praise and fame  
In every land where they were put to shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you back,  
Even at the time I gather you;  
For I will give you fame and praise  
Among all the peoples of the earth,  
When I return your captives before your eyes,”  
Says the LORD.

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JEREMIAH 30:18-22

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<sup>18</sup> "Thus says the LORD:

` Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents,  
And have mercy on his dwelling places;  
The city shall be built upon its own mound,  
And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

<sup>19</sup> Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving  
And the voice of those who make merry;  
I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish;  
I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

<sup>20</sup> Their children also shall be as before,  
And their congregation shall be established before Me;  
And I will punish all who oppress them.

<sup>21</sup> Their nobles shall be from among them,  
And their governor shall come from their midst;  
Then I will cause him to draw near,  
And he shall approach Me;  
For who *is* this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> ` You shall be My people,  
And I will be your God.'"

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ISAIAH 52:7-12

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<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains

Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace,  
Who brings glad tidings of good *things*,  
Who proclaims salvation,  
Who says to Zion,

“ Your God reigns!”

<sup>8</sup> Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices,  
With their voices they shall sing together;  
For they shall see eye to eye  
When the LORD brings back Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Break forth into joy, sing together,  
You waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD has made bare His holy arm  
In the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see  
The salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup> Depart! Depart! Go out from there,  
Touch no unclean *thing*;  
Go out from the midst of her,  
Be clean,  
You who bear the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall not go out with haste,  
Nor go by flight;  
For the LORD will go before you,  
And the God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

## HOLY QURBANA

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### 1 JOHN 2:7-17

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#### DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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## ROMANS 11:13-24

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<sup>19</sup> You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> Well *said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. <sup>22</sup> Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

## THE SERMON

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### JOHN 12:12-19

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#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

<sup>12</sup> The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

“ Hosanna!

*‘ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
The King of Israel!’*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> *“ Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
Behold, your King is coming,  
Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”*

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. <sup>18</sup> For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”

## BLESSING OF PALM LEAVES

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### OLD TESTAMENT

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#### GENESIS 49:8-12

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- <sup>8</sup> " Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise;  
Your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies;  
Your father's children shall bow down before you.
- <sup>9</sup> Judah *is* a lion's whelp;  
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He bows down, he lies down as a lion;  
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
- <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,  
Until Shiloh comes;  
And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.
- <sup>11</sup> Binding his donkey to the vine,  
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine,  
He washed his garments in wine,  
And his clothes in the blood of grapes.
- <sup>12</sup> His eyes *are* darker than wine,  
And his teeth whiter than milk.

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ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

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THE COMING KING

<sup>9</sup> " Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you;  
He *is* just and having salvation,  
Lowly and riding on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
And the horse from Jerusalem;  
The battle bow shall be cut off.  
He shall speak peace to the nations;  
His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea,  
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE

<sup>11</sup> " As for you also,  
Because of the blood of your covenant,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup> Return to the stronghold,  
You prisoners of hope.  
Even today I declare  
*That* I will restore double to you.

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## 1 JOHN 2:7-15

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ISAIAH 51:9-11

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<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength,  
O arm of the LORD!  
Awake as in the ancient days,  
In the generations of old.  
*Are You not *the arm* that cut Rahab apart,  
And wounded the serpent?*  
<sup>10</sup> *Are You not *the One* who dried up the sea,  
The waters of the great deep;  
That made the depths of the sea a road  
For the redeemed to cross over?*  
<sup>11</sup> So the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
And come to Zion with singing,  
With everlasting joy on their heads.  
They shall obtain joy and gladness;  
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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## THE SERMON

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### MARK 11:1-18

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#### MARK 11

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#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; <sup>2</sup> and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." <sup>4</sup> So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup> But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" <sup>6</sup> And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

" Hosanna!

*' Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'*

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David  
That comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup> And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### THE FIG TREE WITHERED

<sup>12</sup> Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup> And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you

ever again.”  
And His disciples heard *it*.

### JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

<sup>15</sup> So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>16</sup> And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. <sup>17</sup> Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, *'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'*? But you have made it a *'den of thieves.'*”

<sup>18</sup> And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.