

Key Scripture:

1 Peter 3:15 NIV But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Palm Sunday Recognition

John 12:12-16 NLT

12 The next day, *the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city*. *A large crowd of Passover visitors* 13 took palm branches and went down the road to meet Him. They shouted, *"Praise God!*

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"

14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: 15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.

Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into His glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about Him.

Why did the crowd recognize Jesus as the Messiah?

- a. His name is Jesus. "The Lord who saves." (Matt. 1:21)
- b. He rode a donkey fulfillment of prophecy. (Zech.9:9)
- c. A miracle. Lazarus raised from the dead. (John 12:9)
- d. None of the above.

God's Pattern

Exodus 7:15-17 NKJV

15 <u>Go to Pharaoh</u> in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16 And <u>you shall say to him</u>, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent

me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

17 Thus says the Lord: "By this you shall know that I am the Lord.

Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.

Speak Jesus

Speech Pattern

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1. Miracles, Signs & Wonders – God's witness.

John 12:17 NLT

Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and <u>they were telling others about it</u>.

Mark 16:20 NLT

And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and *the Lord worked through them,* <u>confirming what they said by many miraculous signs</u>.

2. <u>Know</u> – and meet Jesus personally.

John 12:18 NLT

That was the reason so <u>many went out to meet Him</u> — because they had heard about this miraculous sign.

Mark 2:9-12 NIV

9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But <u>that you may know that the Son of Man has authority</u> on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. <u>This amazed</u> everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

3. Believe – Jesus gives life.

John 12:9-11 NLT

9 When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival,

they flocked to see Him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. 10 Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, 11 for

it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and <u>believed in Jesus</u>.

Mark 16:15-18 NLT

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.
16 <u>Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.</u> But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and <u>they will be healed</u>."

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