

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27:66

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church, when we remember the events of Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

We start by recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds wave palms and shout "Hosanna!" Then we read a long section from the Gospel of Matthew about Jesus' death. This is why He came to Jerusalem. In fact, this is why He came to earth! To suffer and die for love of us is the mission of Jesus. The entire Old Testament points to His coming (even in Genesis!), giving detail after detail of what Christ would be like and what He would do. Even the details of His Passion and Death have their roots in many Old Testament prophecies. How many can you find mentioned in today's Gospel?

### Activities:

- Gather with your family and read today's readings. How do you think Jesus felt? What did Jesus do when he was feeling afraid in Gethsemane?
- Make plans in advance for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday that embrace this sacred time.
- The crowds that sing "Hosanna!" today will be crying out "Crucify him!" in a few short days. Do you notice this hypocrisy or double standard in your life? How can you be more faithful to the Lord this Holy Week?

