

Blessed Be the King

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.—Luke 19:38

This is the day we refer to as Palm Sunday. The crowd waved palm branches and laid them in the road before Christ. In ancient times the waving of Palm Branches signified a welcome to royalty. The branches were laid in the paths of ones worthy of honor. Jesus was given this tribute and greeted as King as he rode into Jerusalem.

The crowd chanted, “Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the LORD; Hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9).

In a matter of days, the scene changed. Christ was no longer treated as the King. The shouts of “Hosanna” changed to shouts of “Crucify Him, We will not have this man to rule over us.” Palm Sunday is followed by a week of darkness. It was a week marked with injustice, betrayal, and pain. At the end of the week the scene transforms again as it changes from the agony of the cross to the victory of the empty grave.

Christ calls on us to decide how we will view Him. I trust that we honor Him as the one who willingly suffered and bore our sins on Calvary. May we glorify Him and make Him the King of our lives.