

# RECOGNIZING JESUS ON PALM SUNDAY

## JOHN 12:12-19

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: For background please read the footnote for **Mark 11:1-2**.

**AS PROPHESED**—To some, the scriptural prophecies were very clear as to Jesus' birth, His birthplace, and His coming as the Messiah and King. But most of the leaders of the Jewish faith were only interested in a messiah who would rid them of their yoke to the Romans. To them, Palm Sunday seemed like their messianic dream come true. But God was using the masses to fulfill His plan and His prophecies! (**John 12:12, 13, fn 12:13[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 12:13[2<sup>nd</sup>], Luke 2:11-14, fn 2:11-14, Zechariah 9:9, fn 9:9, Luke 19:28-40, fn 19:30-35, fn 19:35-38, fn 19:38**) *Why does not God use the political, though good, to save people?*

**AS GENTLE**—Salvation comes to you and me as gentle, peaceful, humble, and beautifully pictured as Jesus riding a young donkey. He comes to trade our sinful, prideful, earthly life and its “king” for forgiveness and a new eternal life with Jesus, the new King of our lives. (**John 12:14-15, Matthew 21:1-11, fn 21:2-5, fn 21:1-8, Matthew 11:28-30, fn 11:28-30, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21**) *How did Jesus use His gentleness in your salvation?*

**AS YET TO COME**—The disciples did not comprehend the meaning of the message Jesus was giving on this Sunday at Passover. It was only after Jesus' death, resurrection, and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that understanding came to the disciples. The Holy Spirit, who was given to indwell them, was also given to us when we trusted Christ for our salvation to give us understanding of who He is, why He came, and that He is coming again. (**John 12:16, fn 12:16, John 14:26, fn 14:26, Zechariah 9:10, fn 9:10, Philippians 2:9-11, fn 2:9-11, Hebrews 9:26-28, fn 9:26, fn 9:27**) *How could you be ready for Jesus' coming again?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*