

Word given Easter Sunday 2022

A week before Jesus' crucifixion, which was Palm Sunday, Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. On that day in History, long awaited scripture was fulfilled. Scripture says, when he came into town all the people were moved, saying, "who is this?". The word *moved* here means, To be shaken to the core to cause great emotional stress. For them to be "shaken to the core" they knew within their souls that something was happening. We know today that when Jesus' moves we can sense it in our Spirits for we are not just human flesh alone, but mind, body and Spirit.' So today as we go through this story, if you feel *moved* in your insides or *shaken to the core*, know, this is the God's Holy Spirit speaking to you. Don't disregard it, instead ask Him what He is requesting of you or listen to what He is telling you.

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday, a week before he was crucified, the people spread their coats on the ground before and laid down palm branches down the path for him as he entered the city. -Just like what was done traditionally when a King entered the city. On that day in History that crowd acknowledged Jesus as King. Because of prophecies throughout their scripture they waited for the Messiah to arrive on this day, just as he did. Jesus being known as a great prophet and arriving this way, they knew He fulfilled the scriptures foretold. The crowd shouted Hosanna! Hosanna! which means Save Now!, Salvation Now!

As Jesus entered the city, and cleansed the Temple, by overturning the tables of those men who were in God's House doing things that weren't pleasing to Him.

Wow, let's look at that again,

1. The people acknowledged Him as King,
2. They asked for Salvation
3. Then Jesus came in and cleansed the temple!

But there were those who did not acknowledge Him as King and those who did not accept Him.

Scripture says that as Jesus was approaching the gates of Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept. The word wept means more than just tears running down His face, it's the kind of cry that is felt in the gut and the body is involved. More like a deep sobbing and great sadness. Scripture says in the Gospel of Luke:

41 As he approached and saw the city, he wept for it, [and the spiritual ignorance of its people] **42** saying, "If [only] you knew this day what would bring peace—but now [because of spiritual ignorance] it is hidden from your eyes. **43** For the days will come on you when your enemies will build a barricade around you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. **44** They will crush you and your children among you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone on another in your midst, because you did not recognize the time when God visited you."

Matthew 23: 37-39

37 “[g]O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who murders the prophets and stones [to death] those [messengers] who are sent to her [by God]! How often I wanted to gather your children together [around Me], as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Listen carefully: your house is being left to you desolate [completely abandoned by God and destitute of His protection]! 39 For I say to you, you will not see Me again until you say, ‘Blessed [to be celebrated with praise] is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (which is His second coming and the time for Salvation is too late)

Today we beg of you, don't be like those in scripture who did not recognize the time of their visitation, or those who were spiritually ignorant, or those who were unwilling to come to Jesus. If so, then the Holy Spirit will begin to hide His ways from your eyes, and be left without protection from the Most High God. Instead, let us be like those who acknowledge Him as King, ask for Salvation and allow Jesus to come in and cleanse our temple, so He can bring peace and protection into our lives.