



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia
St Mary's Cathedral
Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Palm Sunday

Jesus and his followers have been travelling from Galilee towards Jerusalem for some time. More and more people have joined them along the way. Many others are also entering Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

Read Matthew 21:1-11

Hosanna = Save us we pray

The events

1. Imagine you work for the Jerusalem Star newspaper reporting this event. What headline do you write?
2. Read verses 7-9 again. Imagine you are there in the crowd.
 - a. What can you see?
 - b. What can you smell?
 - c. What can you feel?
 - d. What can you hear?
3. When the Jerusalem people asked, who did the crowd say Jesus was? (v11)

Understanding the events

4. The crowd shouted words from Psalm 118. **Read Psalm 118:19-29**. What does this psalm praise God for? Why do you think the crowd with Jesus shouted what they did?
5. **Read Zechariah 9:9-10**. In quoting this, what does Matthew want us to understand about Jesus?

Jesus is indeed God's righteous King who brings salvation.

How does this truth encourage you in these difficult times?

A verse to meditate upon

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 118:29)