

Palm Sunday 2025

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Why is Palm Sunday called, “Palm Sunday”? *See Matt 21

Matthew 26:6-13

6 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. 7 While He was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over His head.

8 The disciples were indignant when they saw this. “What a waste!” they said. 9 “It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.” 10 But Jesus, aware of this, replied, “Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to Me? 11 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me. 12 She has poured this perfume on Me to prepare My body for burial. 13 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be remembered and discussed.”

What did the woman do that the disciples were upset with? Why were they upset?

Matthew 26:8a-9

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*See also, Mark 14:5

Is true worship ever a waste? *See 1 Chronicles 16:23-25a, 28-31
Do acts of service always come from worship?

*See *Prov. 28:27; Luke 10:38-41; John 12:1-8*

Worshiping God always comes first!

Matthew 26:10-11

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True Worship comes from a willing heart of obedience.

True Worship always focuses on Jesus!

Matthew 26:10-12

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The woman's actions/focus was on who?

Who/what were the disciples focused on?

Matthew 26:12

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How did she know to "prepare" His body ahead of His death and burial?

*See Luke 10:39 - She had been listening to Jesus' teaching.

"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of His enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day He will be raised from the dead."

Matt. 17:22b-23

God will always bless your true Worship of Him!

Matthew 26:12-13

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What do I need to do (change, adjust) to ensure that I live a life of true worship to God?

*See John 4:23-24