

PALM SUNDAY

Reference: **Matthew 21:1-9**

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This passage describes the start of what is most often called the Passion Week (also called the Holy week). It's called Passion Week because the word passion according to its ancient usage meant suffering and this was the week Jesus suffered in sacrificing Himself for our sins.

Inside Christendom there are denominations and churches that are considered liturgical (Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Episcopal, Lutherans, etc.).

The word "liturgical" means a _____ for public worship services and rituals. Liturgical congregations hold to a more pre-set, structured and formal worship format.

After the Protestant reformation liturgical denominations were considered "_____ church" and non-liturgical denominations (i.e. Baptists, Pentecostals, Quakers, non-denominational congregations, etc.) were considered "_____ church."

Liturgical churches operate according to an annual liturgical calendar. That calendar consists of the cycle of different liturgical seasons that the church celebrates.

Explanation: We are now in the Lenten season. Lent stretches from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter.

Lent brings us to Passion Week. Throughout the centuries the organized church has assigned a specific name to each day of the Passion Week.

Sunday is _____ Sunday
Monday is _____ Monday
Tuesday is _____ Tuesday
Wednesday is _____ Wednesday
Thursday is _____ Thursday
Friday is _____ Friday
Saturday is _____ Saturday
Sunday is _____ Sunday

verse nine, "Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the **LORD!**' Hosanna in the highest!'"

Jesus presented Himself to the Jewish masses as the promised Messiah and the people were responding to that claim. This crowd acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of David. Jesus was the Son of _____, the Son of _____, the Son of _____ and the Son of David.

The Son of David meant Jesus was a direct descendent from the famous Jewish king, David and the Son of David was the most common and often used Messianic title.

The term Messiah means "God's _____ or anointed king". Messiah is a Hebrew word and Christ is the identical word in the Greek language, so both Messiah and Christ mean the same thing.

God promised His people a Messiah and according to the different Old Testament Messianic prophecies, that Messiah would ultimately be two extremely important things:

- Messiah would be a _____ (Savior means forgiver)
Reference: **Isaiah 53:3-6** (see screen)
- Messiah would be a _____
Reference: **Daniel 7:14** (see screen)

The people cried out, "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!*". The word Hosanna means "_____."

The problem was this Palm Sunday crowd wanted Jesus to save them from _____ rule, not save them from _____.