

## Worship Service

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school <b>Lesson 25: Messianic Prophecies from The Psalms</b>
10:40 am	Congregational Hymns
10:55 am	Praises & Worship
11:00 am	Today's Message <b>The Triumphal Entry</b>
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

## March Birthdays

Brother Theophilus	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brother Abraham	March 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Mary	March 6 <sup>th</sup>
Brother Adusei	March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Brother Marchant	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Vicentia	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brother Chris	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brother Benji	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Rebecca	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Pastor Barnabas	March 21 <sup>st</sup>

## Message: The Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-11

Today is the day all Christians will celebrate Palm Sunday (it might be most appropriate to say most Christians). It is a day some churches will have palm branches hanging on the door of their auditoriums/chapels, some congregants will carry palm branches to church, in some parts of the world church service will mostly be singing and dancing, and I assume most preachers will talk about the "Triumphal entry" as recorded in the Gospels. The question to ask as I read Mark 11:1-11 is: was this really a triumphal entry? Jesus will be killed in this same city in 4 or 5 days after this. All the Gospel writers capture this narrative: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19. Before we answer the question of day: is it a triumphal entry? let us pick some lessons from the narrative.

- Jesus draws near to Jerusalem because He is not afraid of death. He did not hide! We are not afraid of what lies ahead of us as Christians for we have an example in our Savior
- Jesus sends two disciples to indicate that He sees and knows all things (Mark 11:2)
- He chooses a colt that has never been backed as a sign of His authority over all things.
- ✓ Also in fulfillment of prophesy in Scripture, and to show that Jesus Christ is the one Zachariah talked about (Zec. 9:9).
- Palm branches and cloaks signify that the one coming is a person of authority.
- The cry of hosanna means He is the one that can save (Rev. 7:10).
- He entered the city with confidence because He was assured of victory, not because He did not know what to expect.

It is a Triumphal entry because death was the only way for us, it was THE one way to defeat sin and save man, it is a victory for Christ and us. Because of this triumph one will have to literally reject the opportunity to spend eternity with the Lord.

A lot happened to our Savior in Jerusalem prior to His death and after His death; join us for Easter as we look at this together (**March 30 – April 1.**)