

Sermon Discussion Guide: “Palm Sunday” Psalm 118:19–29

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Street Interviews Then and Now

Imagine doing “man-on-the-street” interviews during Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Most people cried out “Hosanna!” expecting political salvation—freedom from Rome.

- If you were in the crowd, what would you be hoping Jesus would save you from?
- Why do you think Jesus’ version of salvation—through humility, suffering, and sacrifice—was so hard to accept?

Rejected Stones and Hidden Kingdoms

Key Insight: Jesus didn’t come in power like Pilate, but on a colt—humble, lowly, surprising. This reversal of expectations reflects how God’s kingdom works.

- Have you ever felt like a “rejected stone”? How does Jesus’ story bring hope to that feeling?
- Why do you think God often works in quiet, hidden, or unexpected ways?

Reorienting Praise

Psalm 118 begins and ends with:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”

- How does praise rooted in **lament** feel different from praise that comes from just “feeling good”?
- How might we bring our sorrow and praise closer together in worship or prayer?

Living It Out: Gratitude in Action

- What would it look like for you this week to practice **reorienting praise**?