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In ancient times, **palm branches** symbolized victory over an enemy.

They were often depicted on coins and important buildings.

Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and door of the temple (I Kings 6:29).

We want you to leave today with a reminder of the day Jesus entered Jerusalem to go to the cross to bear your sins.

John 12:9-16 – ⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him. ¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took **palm branches** and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. **NIV**

The Jews cried HOSANNA (SAVE NOW), and threw down and waved PALM BRANCHES to denote victory over Rome when Jesus entered the city.

The Jews were expecting a "political overthrow" and were crying out that Jesus, their King, would overthrow their Roman captivity and SAVE THEM NOW.

They believed if He had power of death, He had power over anything.

No one had ever conquered death.

The death Jesus came to conquer was not physical death, but spiritual death, or separation from God.

They expected Jesus to fight people, when He came to destroy the power of Satan over man and deliver man from the stain of sin.

I John 3:8 - The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. *NIV*

Their understanding of what He came to do was shattered in the Garden of Gethsemane, as He made His final decision to go to the cross.

In the Garden, Jesus makes His final determination to go to the cross and bear the sin of the world.

He arises to “crush the serpent’s head” and remove the authority that Satan gained over man through the sin of Adam.

Jesus would become the last Adam and where the first Adam sinned by treason, Jesus, the Last Adam, would bear that sin by choice.

The sin of the world is the cup He desired to pass from Him, not the death of a cross.

“Behold the Lamb of God who shall bear the sin of the World!”

He would be forsaken by God, as He took the sin of the world upon Himself.

Isaiah 53:3-6 – ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The **chastisement** for our peace was upon Him, And by His **stripes** we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *NKJV*

Every wound He took, He took for you and me!

He was purchasing our SALVATION, PEACE, AND HEALING.

Isaiah 53:10-11 – ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. *NIV*

Matthew 27:50-51 – ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ***NIV***

It is finished or accomplished

- The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
- What separated God and man has now been removed!

Romans 5:19 - For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ***NIV***