



**When is Jesus?
Looking at Palm Sunday
with *Fresh Eyes*
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*...the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him shouting, "Hosanna (Save Now). Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
John 12:12, 13*

The Triumphal Entry was...

1. **Out of Character** for Jesus.
John 2:1-10 Jesus tells his mother that his time had not yet come.
John 2:24-25 Jesus would not entrust himself to the masses.
John 6:14-15 Jesus withdrew when crowds wanted to make him king.

Jesus did not seek the spotlight until this event.

2. **Planned** by Jesus
As Jesus and his disciples approached the city he told them, "go to that village over there and bring me the colt donkey and its mother that are tied up. If anyone asks why you are taking them say, 'the Lord has need of them' and they will let them go with you." Matthew 21:1-3

Our problem: We want to be *in the know* with God's plans.

3. **Purpose Driven** by Jesus
As they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep. Luke 19:41 "the time has come." John 12:23

God determines the WHEN and uses circumstances for His purpose.

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. John 12:16

Palm Sunday tells us God is at work and God directs the WHEN.

Closing Thoughts

The fact that we don't understand what may be going on in our lives / country / world does not mean God is not at work.

The masses shouted to Jesus, "Hosanna" (Save Now)

2 Corinthians 6:2 says something similar but more direct:
"Today is the day of your salvation. Right now, is the time."