

Weekly Word – April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Marion Victory

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

The psalm opens and closes with; **O’ give thanks to the LORD, for *He* is good! For His mercy endures forever.**

In between verses 19-29, we see reference to **gates of righteousness**.

The Psalmist says that he (referring to himself we know because of the lower-case h), will go through them, and praise the LORD. This he continues to say, is the **‘gate of the LORD.’**

He goes on to say, “You have become my salvation. The stone *which* the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’S doing. This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Then in verse 26; “Blessed is **he** who comes in the name of the LORD!” (Small h again)

In the Gospel of Luke, the shout is, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Jesus!

Both Christians and Muslims believe that the Eastern Gate, also known as the Golden Gate and the Beautiful Gate, (sealed since 1541), is the gate by which Jesus entered through on this day. Jewish tradition says this gate is the gate that Messiah will enter Jerusalem by.

For us, who have received Jesus as our LORD and Saviour, Palm Sunday is full of joy. There are no cars going through this gate, just multitudes of people walking, riding colts, families together on their way to the temple to celebrate their deliverance from Egypt, *Pesach*. Amongst them is the King of kings and LORD of lords, surrounded by His disciples (a multitude of them Luke tells us), waving palm branches and shouting, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Also, walking through the gate that day was satan, plotting a way to destroy Jesus in the guise of Religion.

In just one week Jesus would conquer death and hell!

Jesus has become *our* gate! The gate that we have entered through because of His sacrifice. He has become our salvation. The ***Gate of Righteousness***.

He came through the gate the first time to become the suffering servant (Isaiah 53). And if what the Jewish people believe is true, He will come through the gate as the conquering Messiah.

Regardless, Acts 1:11 tells us, He will come again! Hosanna in the highest!

Father, thank You for sending us Your salvation, Your only Son, Christ Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man can come to the Father except through Him.

Friends, If you haven't given your heart to Jesus yet, take a moment and pray this simple prayer:

“LORD Jesus, I believe You died for my sins. I ask for Your forgiveness and I open my heart to You. Come into my life and be my LORD and Saviour. Amen “

He will come!