

Honoring King Jesus

Today is Palm Sunday and once again our church family is meeting remotely. I wanted to share with you about the importance of this day in the life of Jesus. Read Matthew 21: 1-11.

Biblical scholars tell us that the laying down of palm leaves and garments to cover the road as Jesus rode by was the kind of honor only reserved for a King. For these people, Jesus represented their hope of a king that would bring them relief from the oppression of Roman rule. They, along with the Disciples, missed the fact that Jesus' first coming was not to rule but to suffer for the sins of mankind. That understanding would come later.

On this day, they rejoiced and honored Jesus by laying down palms and their own garments. The Scriptures don't tell us who started this process. I imagine it was not a planned event but something that happened spontaneously. It built in momentum and created such a roar that the religious authorities of the day tried to shut it down. Think about this, someone started the process and their action ignited others to act, leading to this triumphal procession.

At this point in our services, we would normally pass our offering plate. We receive an offering each week because it is one way, we can honor our King, Jesus. While the means by which you can now give, online, changes our offering somewhat, giving is still an important part of all of our worship.

We don't know who was the first to lay down a palm branch or garment to honor Jesus. We do know that it spread like wildfire. That first act lead others to follow. What if your gift today was the first of an avalanche of others giving? Here is my question for all of us. Are you honoring King Jesus through your giving? Today, would you lay your offering at the feet of Jesus? You can give right now by going to (List how they can give).

Let me say thank you to all of you for your generosity! Your faithful giving is allowing us to continue to minister in the name of Jesus during this crisis. Let's, today, lay down our gifts now to honor our King, Jesus!

