

Palm Sunday

Celebration Chases Back The Darkness

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Celebration chases back the darkness!

Key Scriptures

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:37-40

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Psalms 148:1

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in Him! Philippians 4:1 MSG

Praise brings perseverance in pain.

Start talking.

- What "rallying cry" scenes in movies are your favorite?
- Why do we love scenes like that?

Start thinking.

- Read Luke 19:37-40. Why did they burst into praise?
- What had changed in their lives that caused them to celebrate?
- Why was their celebration offensive to the Pharisees?
- How does praise and celebration unsettle Satan and his plans?
- Read Psalm 19:1. How have you seen this?
- Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-13. List all that David praises God for.

Start sharing.

- How does praise and celebration help take our focus off of fear?
- How does celebration draw us through hard times?
- How do our praises unite us together?

Start doing.

- Each night at dinner this week, share three things you can celebrate.
- Write out all of Psalm 148 and place it somewhere prominent.

Closing prayer.

Jesus you are LORD of Lords, and KING of kings! We praise you today for all you have done and celebrate you for what you will continue to do. Though troubles and darkness comes, we will choose to declare your goodness, grace, and love. Help us to choose celebration over fear and praise over panic. We thank you that your are unchanging, unshaken, and always in control!