

The Victory of the Cross (Palm Sunday)

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[Mark 11:1-10](#)

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus told his disciples at least 3 times what awaited him in Jerusalem. ([Mark 8:31](#), [Mark 9:31](#), [Mark 10:32-34](#))

Jesus wept over Jerusalem. ([Luke 19:41](#))

Jesus told His disciples they would betray, deny & desert Him ([Mark 14](#))

Jesus' blood became like drops of blood as he prayed before crucifixion. ([Luke 22](#))

Hematidrosis (or bloody sweat). Under great emotional stress, tiny capillaries in the sweat glands can break, thus mixing blood and sweat.

Because of the Cross...

1. **YOUR LIFE IS NOT FUTILE**
Samaritan Women at the Well ([John 4](#))

Because of the Cross...

2. **YOUR FAILURES ARE NOT FATAL**

[1 Peter 2:24](#) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

[Colossians 2:13](#) When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Because of the Cross...

3. **YOUR DEATH IS NOT FINAL**

[1 Corinthians 15:54](#) ... "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ROMAN ROAD

- ◆ [Romans 3:23](#)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- ◆ [Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ◆ [Romans 5:8](#)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- ◆ [Romans 10:9](#)

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.