

# PRESSURE COULDN'T STOP HIM

## "I'M ON MY WAY"

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*Matthew 21:1-11*

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### 1. The Praise of Man Couldn't Stop Him

- Psalm 118:25-26

### 2. The Pressure of Man Couldn't Stop Him

- **Reality Statement:** *Don't let anyone speed you up. Don't let anyone slow you down. If you're operating on His time, you're right on time.*
- Proverbs 20:21
- Matthew 16:22-23

### 3. The Pain of Man Couldn't Stop Him

- Psalm 37:7-11
- Zechariah 9:9

### **Great Quotes:**

"May we greet Jesus with open hearts and minds, laying down our own desires at His feet, as the crowds did with palm branches, signifying His triumphal entry into our lives." — **Billy Graham**

"Palm Sunday teaches us the importance of humility and servanthood, as we follow Christ's example of riding on a donkey, choosing the path of meekness over worldly glory." — **Charles Stanley.**

"Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on the paradox of Jesus' kingship, which is revealed not in power and splendor, but in humility and sacrifice." — **Timothy Keller.**

# Charge Groups

## WHY WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

💡 Remind the group of why we gather (To experience the presence of God & the building-up of one -another)

*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

*- Romans 12:10*

## 💡 ENCOURAGE THE GROUP

Spend some time encouraging the group. Use this icebreaker question to laugh, enjoy one-another and look for opportunities to encourage. You can also begin by simply sharing “one high and/or one low” of the week.

**Icebreaker ?** *If you could ride into a city parade on any animal (real or mythical), what would it be and why?*

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## PRAYER & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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💡 **Facilitator:** Open the discussion time by sharing the purpose of Sunday’s message OR share your most memorable part of the message. Spend time reading the scriptures on page 1 & discussing.

- 1. What stands out to you about the way Jesus enters Jerusalem? How does this contrast with what we’d expect from a king or leader?**
- 2. Why do you think the crowd praised Jesus so loudly, only to turn on Him days later? Have you ever felt pressure to meet people’s expectations instead of God’s?**
- 3. What’s a situation where you’ve felt rushed (or delayed) by outside pressure? How do you discern if something is God’s timing or your own?**
- 4. Jesus operated on God’s time, not man’s pace. What helps you stay patient in seasons where nothing seems to be happening? Can you think of a time where you moved ahead of God? What did you learn from it?**
- 5. Jesus wasn’t swayed by flattery, pressure, or pain. What’s one area where you need courage to keep walking forward in faith?**

## 💡 NEXT STEPS

*Encourage each other to take next steps based on the discussion. If something specific comes up, support one another in moving forward. Before ending, spend time praying for one another, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. You may feel led to pray for a specific person or situation. If there's a practical next step, like baptism or joining the family, encourage each other to follow through.*