The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday. On that Sunday nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ entered the city of Jerusalem during the final week of His mortal life. He rode in on a donkey, and as He did so, a great multitude came out to greet the Master and carpeted the path before Him with palm leaves, flowering branches, and even their own garments. As He approached, they cried, “Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord” and “Hosanna to the Son of David.”

During the week from Palm Sunday to Easter morning we turn our thoughts to Jesus Christ. The gospel is the good news of Christ. It is the revelation that the Son of God came to earth, lived a perfect life, atoned for our sins, and conquered death. It is the path of salvation, the way of hope and joy.

The gospel is the way of discipleship. As we walk in that way, we can experience confidence and joy. You and I can walk in the path of discipleship today. Now is the time.

I bear my solemn witness that Jesus the Christ lives. He is the Savior and Redeemer of the world. He is the promised Messiah. He lived a perfect life and atoned for our sins. He will ever be at our side. He will fight our battles. He is our hope; He is our salvation; He is the way. Of this I testify.

Notes

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How to Follow Jesus Christ

How can you follow Jesus Christ? Following Him begins with learning about Him, having faith in Him, and trying to do what He taught. My Gospel Standards can help you follow His path and be a good example to people around you.

Turn the page to find out about some special stories and activities in this issue that will help you stay on the Savior’s path.

Hosanna!

When Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the people showed they honored Him by placing palm leaves on the dusty path. They used the word Hosanna, a joyful word that means “save us now.”

Number the pictures to show the order of events after Jesus arrived in Jerusalem.

1. He gave the sacrament to His Apostles so they could remember Him.
2. He showed Himself to His Apostles.
3. He was resurrected on Easter morning.
4. He suffered for our sins in the Garden of Gethsemane.
5. He returned to heaven.
6. He died on the cross and lay in a tomb.
7. He will come again.
8. He gave the sacrament to His Apostles so they could remember Him.

He will come again.