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ōJesus Is Kingō"Mark 11:1-11
Salem Presbyterian Church
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Today is Palm Sunday and some little boy is the first one to come running barefoot into town to tell us the news, "The King is coming!" Jesus is coming down the road to Jerusalem.

Everyone loves a parade. Anyone can be a bystander. It takes a little something extra to be a participant. Today is Palm Sunday, and there's a crowd of people out there lining the street to welcome this Jesus to be King of Jews. He comes riding in on some young donkey like the old kings of Israel centuries before as they entered the Holy City.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *We must decide to follow Jesus.*

Teaching Point Two: *Kvøu"gcuf"vq"ujqvw."dvw"kvøu"jctfgt"vq"ugtxgø*

Teaching Point Three: *Lguwuø"Mpifqo"ku"pqv"qh"vjku"yqtnf.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD" (John 12:25 NLT)!

ACTION POINT

If we want to be palm waving, by standing, Christian parade watchers who go home after the parade and forget about it, then we can do just that. Drop in money in the offering at church, pay our dues, have a good feeling, be at ease and let the world go to hell for lack of hearing the Gospel. But, let me warn you. If you are serious about this Jesus stuff, if you want to be a participant, then you had better watch out and prepare yourself. God is calling us to be His witnesses in today's world, for there is no private Christianity. He is calling us to be servants, for there is no spectator Christianity. Jesus is calling us to be His church, for there is no uninvolved Christianity.

