

***Who Spread the Palm Branches? (John 12:12-19)***

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE:**

**CHRONOLOGY:**

John 10:22-39 was at *Hanukkah* (Dec 18, A.D. 32)

John 12:1 arrival in Bethany (Sat., Mar 28, A.D. 32)

*Six days before Passover (per John 12:1)*

John 12:9 crowds come to Bethany (Sun., Mar 29)

*Five days before Passover: **People traveled that day***

John 12:12ff. **Palm Monday** (Mon., Mar 30)

*Four days before Passover*

*..... (Tue/Wed = three days/two days before Passover)*

John 13:1–18:27 Maundy Thursday (Thu., Apr 2)

*The day before Passover*

John 18:28–19:42 Good Friday (Fri., Apr 3)

*Passover*

John 20:1-23. Easter (Sun., Apr 5, A.D. 33)

**Crowds went back and forth between Jerusalem and Bethany a day before the Triumphal entry: John 12:9-12. Thus, the day before the Triumphal entry was not a Sabbath. I regard it as Palm Monday, not Palm Sunday.**

**What led people in John 12:12-19 to spread Palm Branches 2 before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem? (Let's back up)**

**John 12:17-18**

**John 12:9-11**

**John 11:45-46**

**The raising of Lazarus caused multitudes to believe in Christ, which caused a crisis for the Sanhedrin**

**Raising of Lazarus causes Sadducees (chief priests) to join with leading Pharisees: *Jesus must die* (John 11:49-52)**

**Jesus goes into hiding (11:53-57)**

Many believed in Jesus when they met Lazarus and met Jesus in Bethany (12:9-11)

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Unbelievers quarrelled when Jesus said that He, the Son of Man, the Messiah, would be lifted up (crucified) (12:32-36)

Believers laid palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem (12:12-18)

Despite His many signs, most rejected Him (12:37)

The Sanhedrin panicked as people laid palm branches before Jesus (12:19)

However, even among the Sanhedrin, many believed in Him (12:42)

*We will explain this passage further later this month*

Diaspora Jews (*Greeks*) wanted to meet Jesus, in keeping with Deuteronomy 30 (12:20-26)

### CONCLUSION

*This is not the same crowd that yelled, "Crucify! Crucify Him!"*

**Believers laid palm fronds before Him**

**Unbelievers opposed Him, some even plotted His death**