

A wooden cross is positioned in the center-left of the frame, resting on a vibrant green palm frond. The background is a dark, textured surface. The entire scene is enclosed within a thin white border.

Palm Sunday

John 12:12-15

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast [of Passover] heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"



Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Elim

- A tall and lofty tree; a palm



Date Palms

Elim

- A tall and lofty tree; a palm
- An ancient desert oasis, visited by the rescued Israelite slaves following their exodus from Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea (Exod. 15:27; Num. 33:9)

Exodus 15:22-25

22 Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.



Marah
"bitterness"

“For I am LORD, your healer.”
(Exodus 15:26)

Exodus 15:27

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.



The Oasis of Elim



Dates

“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life. In your light do we see light.”

(Psalm 36:7-9)

“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3)

“And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.”

(Leviticus 23:40)

“Around all the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers.” (1 Kings 6:29)

“The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD. They flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age. They are ever full of sap and green to declare that the LORD is upright. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”

(Psalm 92:12-15)

“Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters. I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit.” (Song of Songs 7:7-8)

“Pomegranate, palm, and apple, all the trees of the field are dried up, and gladness dries up from the children of man.” (Joel 1:12)

“I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!” (Psalm 118:21-25)

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His love endures forever!”

(Psalm 118:26-29)

Where do you need Jesus to show up
triumphant in your life?

Will you recognize who He is? Will
you follow wherever He leads?

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”

(Revelation 7:9-10)