



PALM SUNDAY

Big Idea: We all have something God needs—and He asks us to release this to Him. Then we have the opportunity to choose our response to His request. Saying “yes” is more important than we can imagine because this is the point that we freely give what we have to the Lord. What’s released to Him isn’t lost or forgotten; it’s used for His purposes and we are blessed in the process.

Luke 19:29-35 *As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”*

James 1:17 (NIV) *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV) *One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Mark 10:17-22 (NIV) *As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ... 20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

Start Talking:

Share about a time you had to “release” (give freely) something to the Lord. How hard was this for you? What was the result?

Start Thinking:

Read Luke 19:29-35. Why is it important to understand that the Lord “needs” things from us?

Read James 1:17. What difference should it make in your life to know that every good gift you have comes from God?

Read Proverbs 11:24-25. How do these verses encourage you about releasing to the Lord whatever He needs?

Read Mark 10:17-22. What can happen if we fail to release to the Lord what He needs from us?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for God to help you overcome any fear or doubt that may be keeping you from releasing to Him what He needs from you. Look for opportunities this week to give freely—even if it’s just in a small, seemingly insignificant way—without holding back.