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For Caden, Avery, Addy, and Cannon

–Matthew

For my mum

–Helena



THE INVITATION OF HOLY WEEK

The events of Holy Week are more than just moments in a story. They show the extraordinary lengths God went to in order to save us from our sin and to display his glory. This true story announces truly good news!

This special week also invites you to become part of the story. We hear the invitation in the first words of Jesus's public ministry recorded in the Gospel of Mark: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

As you read about Holy Week, I hope you see the glory and grace of King Jesus as never before. The one who gave his life invites you into a life of repenting of your sin and believing in him as your Savior. Even today, a holy Savior still creates a holy people through the events of that Holy Week so long ago.



THE STORY OF HOLY WEEK

That Holy Week so long ago,
Each day helps tell the story
Of Jesus Christ who lived and died,
Then rose again in glory.
Some days that week were sad and bleak,
Yet if you keep on reading,
You'll hear how sweet the gospel rings
With news that's worth repeating.

PALM SUNDAY



The first Palm Sunday, Jesus rode
Upon a donkey seated;
The humble Christ came into town
With palms and praises greeted.
Both young and old began to sing
Of wondrous works he'd done:
"Hosanna, loud hosannas bring
To bless the promised one."

HOLY MONDAY



On Holy Monday, fearlessly
In front of all to see,
The Christ cleared out some temple thieves,
Then cursed a fruitless tree.
The lesson of the tree was this:
That fruit should mark our way.
The lesson of the temple is—
God welcomes us to pray.

