

PALM SUNDAY'S HAPPIEST PEOPLE

I. WHO ARE THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE TODAY?

A. Happiest nations

1. Rated on income, life expectancy, freedom, social support, trust and generosity
2. Japanese - look for ee-kee-guy a reason for living
3. People who give to others according to Harvard Business School survey

II. WHO WERE THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY?

(Mark 11:1-11 NKJ)

A. The owners of the donkey Jesus rode on

1. Probably had no idea they were fulfilling scripture
2. They did realize it was a moment - part of the flash parade

B. The people who were rejoicing in Jesus

1. Hosanna = Lord save, Lord send prosperity
2. These people had such hope in Jesus

C. The disciples who saw Jesus as the next King, the leader of the nation

1. Finally Jesus was positioned to restore the Kingdom to Israel
2. With Jesus being elevated the disciples would follow on His coattails

III. WHO ARE THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON THIS PALM SUNDAY?

A. Those who recognize they are part of God's Kingdom

1. The scriptures constantly make reference to the Kingdom of God
 - a. Pray His Kingdom come, Seek first the Kingdom
 - b. Transferred into His Kingdom, We are to walk worthy of the kingdom
2. This is a real Kingdom - just not of this earth *(Hebrews 12:28 NKJ)*

B. Those who see Jesus as their hope

1. He offers us something better in this life
 - a. That He is still the One who loves us, frees us, heals our broken hearts and broken lives
 - b. He is the One that came that we might have life and that abundantly
2. He offers an eternal hope *(Revelation 5:9-10 NKJ)*

C. Those that have a personal connection to Jesus

1. More than a voice in the crowd acknowledging Him as someone good
2. A personal Lord and Savior
3. A personal Shepherd and Helper