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REPENTANCE BRINGS CHANGE

As Jesus entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people rejoiced! At last, he was making himself known as the Savior of the World. Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Maybe now the kingdom would come to Israel.

Oh, yes, change was coming. He went into the temple and threw out the moneychangers, calling them thieves. He taught parables that brought the “religious” men anger, and determination to kill him. He said that the greatest commandment was love, and not self-righteousness. He denounced the Scribes and Pharisees.

Most religious people cannot stand a true move of God. They want to stop it and put it to death. The week between Palm Sunday and the Crucifixion and Resurrection brought out what was truly in man’s hearts. It exposed their sin for what it was—sin! Man loved Jesus one day and hated him within a week.

It is just like us when we see ourselves through the sinless eyes of God. We see ourselves the way we truly are. The difference between us and the raging crowd of that day is true repentance. When we ask God to forgive us, he does!

The anger that is in the world today, is because man chooses to be his own God, and does not want to repent and change. Let us remember where we came from; it will keep us humble. Let us look forward to where we are going; it will bring us hope. Let us share this with others; it will bring them eternal life!