

Palm Sunday

Six days before Passover

John 12:1–2, 9, 12

The **first three words** of verse 12 “_____, _____, _____”

What is so important about these three words?

A lamb, without blemish

Exodus 12:3 and 6

- **choose** a ____-year-old lamb “without blemish”
- bring it into their _____, and **care** for it for ____ days.
- On Nisan 14,³ they were to **slaughter** it just before sundown and put its blood on the lintel and doorposts of their home (Exodus 12:21–23; see also Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 9:2–5, 28:16; Joshua 5:10–11).
- That same night, the Lord would “_____-_____” every home he saw with the lamb’s blood:
- Because a **new Hebrew day** begins at _____,⁴ “*that same night*” would have been **Nisan 15**.⁵
- It was **on this date** Israel left Egypt and **passed through the** ____-_____—the date God redeemed the Israelites out of slavery.

Gentle and riding and on a donkey

Six days before Passover puts Jesus in Bethany on Nisan 9 (Nisan 15 minus 6 days).⁶

“**The next day**” would have been Nisan 10—the same “**date**” the Israelites were to bring “_____ **without blemish**” into their homes.

John 12:13

