

## Stillness in Power: Hosting the Holy Spirit in a Noisy World

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, not on a war horse, but on a donkey. Not with force, but with fulfillment.

Matthew 21:9 (AMP)

*"Hosanna (Save, we pray)! Blessed [praised, glorified] is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

They expected a king to overthrow Rome. He came to overthrow sin.

They wanted political power. He brought Kingdom peace.

The same crowd that shouted "Hosanna" would soon yell "Crucify."

Why? Because He didn't meet their expectations, He exceeded them.

Key Reflection:

Jesus often enters quietly, humbly, unexpectedly... yet powerfully.

Palm Sunday reminds us: He doesn't come the way we want, He comes the way we *need*.

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Core Scripture:

Isaiah 30:15 (AMP)

*"For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel has said this, 'In returning [to Me] and rest you shall be saved, In quietness and confident trust is your strength.' But you were not willing..."*

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Key Truth:

Stillness isn't the absence of movement, it's the presence of *alignment*. For the charismatic believer, this means learning to host the Holy Spirit in a way that values peace without shutting down power, and learning to recognize the *difference between worldly chaos and divine disruption*. God's presence isn't always "calm," but it is always redemptive.

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## Teaching Highlights

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### 1. Stillness Is a Posture, Not an Absence of Activity

#### Psalm 46:10 (AMP)

*"Be still and know (recognize, understand) that I am God..."*

Stillness in the Kingdom is not passive, it's *deep trust*. It's how Jesus could sleep in the storm and then command it to align. It's rootedness, not withdrawal.

#### Mark 4:39 (AMP)

*"And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still!' And the wind died down [as if it had grown weary], and there was at once a great calm."*

Let's clarify this moment: Jesus wasn't yelling in frustration. The word "*rebuke*" here means to correct with authority. The tone isn't "stern" like a scolding parent, it's *authoritative peace* calling things into order.

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### 2. Not All Chaos Is Bad, The Spirit Was Drawn to It

#### Genesis 1:2 (AMP)

*"The earth was formless and void or a waste and emptiness, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters."*

Before creation, there was *chaos*, but not confusion. The chaos of Genesis 1 wasn't evil, it was *potential*. The Spirit hovered, not to run away from disorder, but to *draw something beautiful out of it*.

#### Reframing "Order":

Sometimes the church confuses *familiarity* with "order." But spiritual order is not about quiet rooms and predictable formats, it's about *alignment with Heaven*. When God moves, it might look disruptive, but it brings alignment, not confusion.

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### 3. Discernment: Worldly Confusion vs. Holy Disruption

#### 1 Corinthians 14:33 (AMP)

*"For God is not a God of confusion and disorder but of peace and order."*

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This verse isn't an indictment against movement, it's a call to *discernment*. Worldly chaos fragments, distracts, and overwhelms. God's kind of movement might unsettle, but it *never disorients*. It always draws us closer to truth.

### Acts 2:2–4 (AMP)

*"Suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from heaven... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."*

This was holy *disruption*. It was loud. It was public. But it wasn't confusion, it was commissioning. The difference? God was in it, and it led to clarity and boldness, not disorder.

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## 4. You Are the Dwelling, Not the Drama

### John 14:23 (AMP)

*"If anyone [really] loves Me, he will keep My word... and We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him."*

We don't chase emotional highs, we cultivate *habitation*. Hosting the Spirit means making space internally that welcomes Him no matter what's going on externally.

### 1 Corinthians 6:19 (AMP)

*"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you...?"*

The temple wasn't silent, it was full of fire, incense, sound, and movement. But it was *consecrated*. It was set apart. Hosting the Spirit is about *carrying weight without wordly chaos*. Power without panic.

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### Reflection/Activation Questions:

- Have I equated stillness with silence or passivity?
  - Where in my life is God calling me to host His presence, not through performance, but through peace?
  - Do I recognize the difference between worldly chaos and holy disruption?
  - Am I afraid of healthy chaos because I was raised in a broken version of it?
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### Group Activation:

Invite a moment of stillness. Ask the group to listen, not for silence, but for the *hovering* of the Spirit. What is He drawing out of the “formless” places in your life right now? Have them write or declare what they sense is being formed.