

A graphic design for Palm Sunday. The background is a dark teal color. Large, stylized palm fronds in a lighter green shade are positioned in the top-left and bottom-right corners. Scattered throughout the background are small, solid orange dots. The text "PALM SUNDAY" is centered in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The word "PALM" is on the top line and "SUNDAY" is on the bottom line. There are also two clusters of small white triangles, one in the top-left and one in the bottom-right, arranged in a grid-like pattern.

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**Jesus' arrival as
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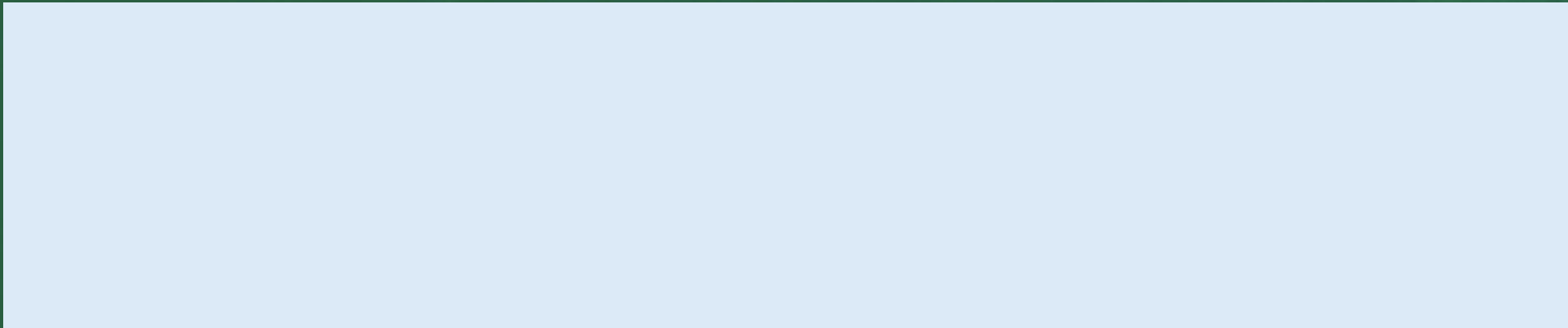
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