

Deliverance: Words for Passover and Palm Sunday

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This is a time in many faiths that promises deliverance
Deliverance from a life without salvation
Deliverance from persecution
Deliverance to a promised land.

Jewish faith recalls at Passover the time of plague
The narrow escape and the promise of God;
Christian faith on Palm Sunday hails the return of a Messiah
And prepares for the inevitable unavoidable fate;
Soon Islam too will invite the time of fasting in Ramadan
Where prayer and mindfulness fill the plate.

Where will this time of deliverance deliver us to?
As all of our traditions, whether strict or loosely formed
Invite our conscious and spiritual selves,
At this time and throughout the years.
May we take up this journey
Let us travel and be humble
Receiving what is joyful
Holding what is painful
May we be delivered to our futures
Shared and apart
In faith and in spirit
In all ways holy and always delivered whole.