



Palm Sunday

Who is this? | Matthew 21:1-11

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Introduction

Palm Sunday was the first day of the most consequential week in human history. Jesus' celebrated entrance into Jerusalem raised the question among some, "Who is this?" Maybe that's the question you've been asking about Jesus. How Jesus entered Jerusalem gives an answer to that question.

Jesus, the Lord. (1-3)

*The Lord of glory was crucified
to bring us to glory.*

Jesus, the unusual King. (4-5)

*The King of kings humbled Himself to
death on a cross (Phil 2:8).*

Jesus, the promised Messiah. (6-9)

The promised Messiah died to save us.

Jesus, the promised Prophet.

The promised Prophet was silenced for sinners.

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Let's Think About It

Read Zechariah 9:9-17. How does Jesus' entry fulfill this prophecy, and what does the use of a donkey symbolize compared to a warhorse?

Why do you think Jesus was so specific about instructions to find the donkey and colt (v. 1-6)?

What do you think the crowd meant when they called him the "Son of David" and yelled "Hosanna" (v. 9)?

The city was "stirred up" (v. 10). If Jesus rode into your Bella Vista today, how do you think people would react?

The crowd wanted a king to save them on their own terms. How do our expectations of what Jesus should do for us differ from who he actually is?

What does it mean for us to follow a "humble servant king" in our daily lives?

What are ways we can give Jesus authority over our lives, similar to the disciples submitting to his instructions in this story?

How would you answer the question "Who is this?" to someone unfamiliar with Jesus?

O For A Thousand Tongues John Wesley; Ralph Hudson

O for a thousand tongues to sing,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Jesus, the name that calms my fears,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
His blood can make the foulest clean,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

I never shall forget that day,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
When Jesus washed my sins away,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Chorus:
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Father, I plead Jesus blood to pay my debts of wrong.

Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness,
His sinlessness for my transgressions,
His purity for my uncleanness,
His sincerity for my duplicity,
His truth for my deceits,
His meekness for my pride,
His constancy for my backslidings,
His love for my hatred,
His fulness for my emptiness,
His faithfulness for my disloyalty,
His obedience for my lawlessness,
His glory for my shame,
His devotedness for my waywardness,
His holy life for my impure ways,
His righteous faithfulness for my faithless works,
His death for my life.

Amen.

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