

Matthew 21:1-11 **Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.' " [\[Zechariah 9:9\]](#)

⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'
Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Triumphal Entry [\[Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-40, John 12:12-16\]](#)

The Tabernacle of the Wilderness always faced Eastward. [\[Exodus 27:13-16, 38:13-15\]](#)

The Glory of the Lord came from the east and into the Temple through the East Gate. [\[Ezekiel 43:1-4\]](#)

The front of the Temple faced East. [\[Ezekiel 47:1\]](#)

When the Lord comes, He will stand on the mount of Olives East of the Temple and enter the Temple from the East. [\[Zechariah 14:4\]](#)

So it is appropriate that Jesus, being Lord, should come to Jerusalem and the Temple from the East.

✚ Coming to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. [\[John 12:1\]](#)

✚ Jesus is coming to Jerusalem from Jericho. Jericho is east of Jerusalem near the Jordan River.

✧ Approaching Jerusalem from the east over the Mount of Olives we find Jesus stopped near Bethphage where He sent two disciples to bring back a donkey for Him to ride into Jerusalem.

✧ Jesus knew that the donkey would be tied and a colt with her.

✧ The disciples were commanded to just loose the animals and bring them to Jesus.

✧ Jesus knew that the owner would send the donkeys with the disciples when they said "The Lord has need of them."

✧ Jesus said to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** [\[Luke 24:25-27\]](#)

✧ Then later to the Disciples after the two reported seeing Jesus on the road and in Emmaus, Jesus appeared and said: "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with

you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" [Luke 24:44]

- ✧ The focus of the ministry of Jesus was to fulfill all prophecies concerning the Messiah of Israel, Messiah Ben David the Jews were looking for. The religious leaders should have been first to recognize the signs and evidence Jesus demonstrated before them.
- ✧ The Prophecy being fulfilled was found in [Zechariah 9:9](#) where He is called the King of the daughter of Zion coming to her sitting on a donkey.

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.' " [Matthew 21:5, Zechariah 9:9]
- ✧ The disciples did as Jesus had commanded, then they laid their cloths on the colt and set Jesus on it. [Matthew 21:6-8, Mark 11:7-8, Luke 19:32-36]
- ✧ The multitude spread their cloths and palm branches on the road before Him.
- ✧ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: [Matthew 21:9, Mark 11:9, Luke 19:37-38, John 12:13]

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'
Hosanna in the highest!"
- ✧ **Hosanna** is an exclamation of adoration, and also translated as "Save now" [Psalm 118:25] and as it is expressed to Jesus as the "Son of David," it clearly reveals that they believed Him to be the Messiah Ben David whom they expected to be the one who would save them from the oppression of Rome and reign as their king.
- ✧ The miracles He had performed in their presence indicated that He had divine power that could actually accomplish that feat.
- ✧ The people of the city with a tremendous Roman presence, were astonished, and said, "Who is this?"
- ✧ The multitude with Him said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Disciples understood later

- ✧ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. [John 12:16]

Raising Lazarus from the dead added to His fame and the multitude

- ✧ Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. [John 12:17-18]

Religious leaders objection

- ✧ And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." [Luke 19:39]
- ✧ But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." [Luke 19:40]
- ✧ The Pharisees were afraid of retaliation from the Romans, and jealous for their own exalted reverence from the people that was in danger of falling, wanted to silence the crowd.
- ✧ Jesus knew that this was the time intended for this acclamation, and declared, "If these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."
- ✧ It was all part of God's plan in fulfilling all prophecy to the letter, each in its time.

Pharisees greatly disturbed

- ✚ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" [\[John 12:19\]](#)
- ✧ The Pharisees realize that the evidence of the miracles of Jesus is sufficient to convince the people that Jesus is the Messiah Ben David they were looking for, but their envy of Him blinded their minds from the evidence and they only saw the world turning from them to Jesus.
- ✧ Thus, instead of accepting the evidence and worshiping Jesus as they should have done, they lashed out in envious fury to destroy Him, Whom they perceived as a threat to their own position of authority and power over the people.

Jesus spent the night in Bethany

- ✚ And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. [\[Matthew 21:17, Mark 11:11\]](#)