



Zechariah 9:9-10. This was a very real proclamation that Jesus was the Messiah. Another thing that we can learn from this is that honest people, when faced with the words and power of Jesus, believe on Him and do everything they can to praise Him and show Him honor and reverence.

Something else we can learn from this is that the Pharisees and the leaders of the people didn't believe on Jesus and, therefore, essentially sealed the fate that Jerusalem would meet in 70AD. This is what Jesus weeps over as He enters the city. Jesus always weeps for those who reject Him because they will eventually meet their own destruction. Finally, we can learn that Jesus is very serious about those who worship Him improperly and will drive them out from the presence of God. These are all very important lessons for us to learn and keep in the forefront of our minds. Let us always be the type of people who worship God with honor and reverence because we see God's power and glory. Let us never be like those whom Jesus weeps over nor drives out from the presence of God because of our disbelief.



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"Blessed is He  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord! Hosanna"  
Matthew 21:9

## The Triumphal Entry

by Curtis Carwile

It's been said that if God takes the time to say something once, it's important. And, if He says something twice, you better listen up good. But, if God takes the time to say something in all four Gospels with a strong relationship to the crucifixion of Jesus, then you better know it backwards, forwards and upside-down. The triumphal entry of Jesus entering Jerusalem the Sunday before His crucifixion is one of those events that is talked about in all four Gospel accounts (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-48; John 12:12-19). This Sunday is what most of the religious world refers to as "Palm Sunday." It is an annual celebration of Jesus' Triumphal Entry. The Bible does not teach any sort of memorial of this event, but given that many of our friends may be thinking about this right now, I'd like for us to examine this event and see what we can learn from it.

John 12:1 tells us that it was the time of the Passover and that people were on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate it. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem as well. He came from the small country town of Ephraim (via Jericho then Bethany) because the Pharisees had heard of Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the dead and were plotting to kill Him (John 11). Before He started His



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journey into Jerusalem, He commanded that two of His disciples go into the town opposite them and bring Him back a donkey and its foal for Him to ride (Matthew 21:1-4). They do as they are commanded and they bring back a donkey and its colt and they laid their clothes on the donkey for Jesus to sit upon (Matthew 21:7). So, Jesus started for Jerusalem on the back of the donkey, but His disciples didn't understand why (John 12:16).

About the time He reached the Mount of Olives, the people started praising Him (Luke 19:37). Jesus was always surrounded by people, but many in the crowd that surrounded Him were people who witnessed Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead and subsequently believed in Him. Being amazed at His power, those people brought others to see Jesus (John 12:17-18). Those who believed in Him started praising Him saying, **“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”** (Matthew 21:9). They also laid their clothes down on the ground in His path and, those without clothes to lay down, broke off palm branches (this is why the religious world calls it “PALM Sunday”) and laid them down in His path to show Him honor and respect (Matthew 21:8-9).

It was during all of this that some of the Pharisees who were on their way to Jerusalem as well told Jesus

to rebuke His disciples for doing all of that (Luke 19:39). Jesus in turn tells them that He wouldn't, but that even if He did and they obeyed, the stones on the side of the road would start crying out praises to Him (Luke 19:40). This seemed to quiet those Pharisees who were coming to Jerusalem for the Passover and not already there (John 12:19).

As Jesus got closer, He began to weep over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). He also predicted Jerusalem's destruction because they refused to believe in Jesus' words, miracles, and prophecies (Luke 19:42-44).

As soon as Jesus got into town, He went into the Temple, the very place the Pharisees wanted Him to go so they could lay their hands on Him (Mark 11:11). However, instead of the Pharisees taking hold of Jesus and taking Him out of the Temple to kill Him, Jesus drove out the money-changers who were making God's “house of prayer” a “den of thieves” (Luke 19:45-46). The people were so amazed and taken with Jesus that the scribes, chief priests, and the leaders of the people who wanted to destroy Him couldn't because all the people wanted to hear and see all He was going to say and do (Luke 19:47-48).



There are a number of very important things we can learn from Jesus' Triumphal Entry. One of the most important things that we can learn is that Jesus proclaimed Himself as the Messiah by entering Jerusalem on a donkey with its foal in tow. By riding in on the donkey, Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy found in