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Title: A Fork in the Road

Text: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19

Target: The triumphant entry of Jesus is based upon His willingness to pick the road of suffering instead of popularity.

I. The Plan in Perspective: JESUS IS ALL KNOWING

A. Demonstrated Divinity: "Go into a village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her." (Matthew 21:2)

B. Declared Authority: "The Lord needs them, and he will send them at once." (Matthew 21:3)

II. The Promise in the Prophecy: JESUS IS KING

A. The Donkey: "And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written," (John 12:14)

B. The Meaning: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" (John 12:15/Zechariah 9:9)

1. Just or Righteous
2. Bringing Salvation
3. Humble and Lowly

III. The Posture of Praise: JESUS IS SALVATION

A. Cast their Cloaks: "And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road," (Mark. 11:7-8a)

B. Waved Palm Branches: ".and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields." (Mark. 11:8b)

C. Shouted in Belief: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 11:9-10)

IV. The Pathway of Popularity (Rejected): JESUS CHOSE THE CROSS.

A. Sentiment Shared: "the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Mt 21:10-11)

B. Sign Performed: "The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign." (John 12:18) *Lazarus raised from the dead

C. Stones won't be Silent: "And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Luke 19:39-40)

Takeaway: The fork in the road is not to consider what road you are on, but what road Jesus is on and if you will join Him. John 12:19: "So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."