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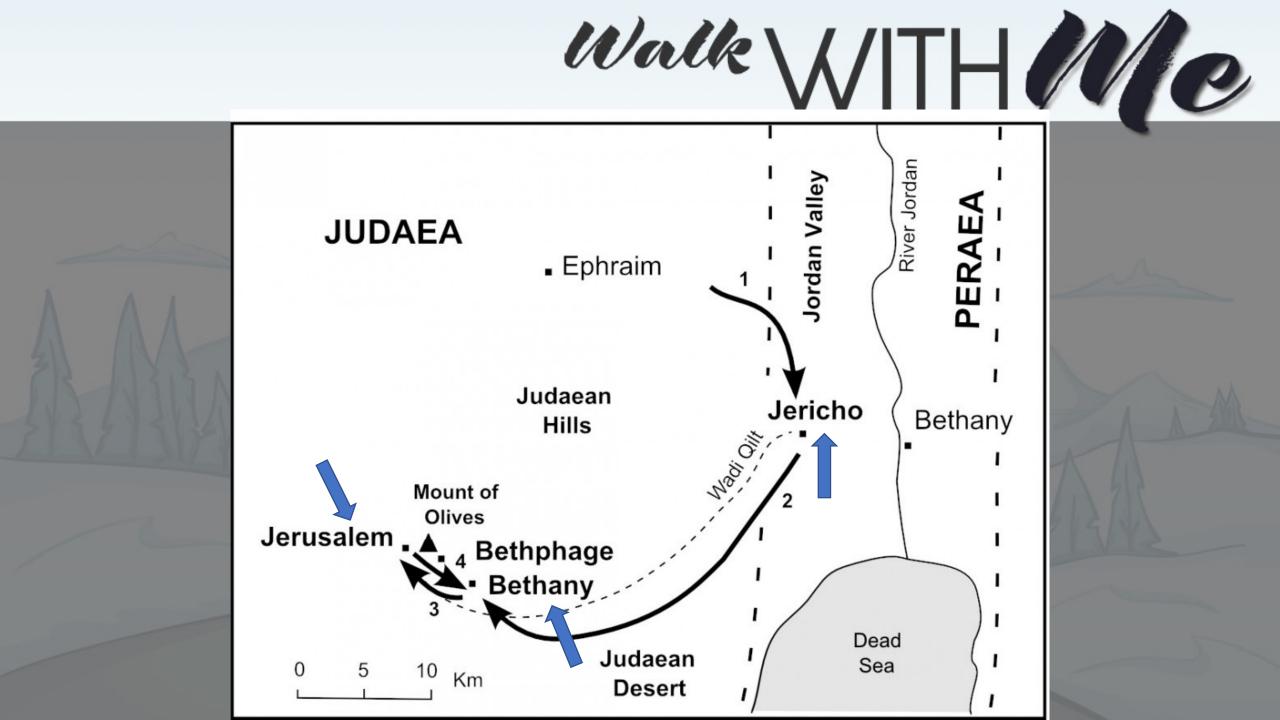
Palm Sunday John 12 and Mark 11

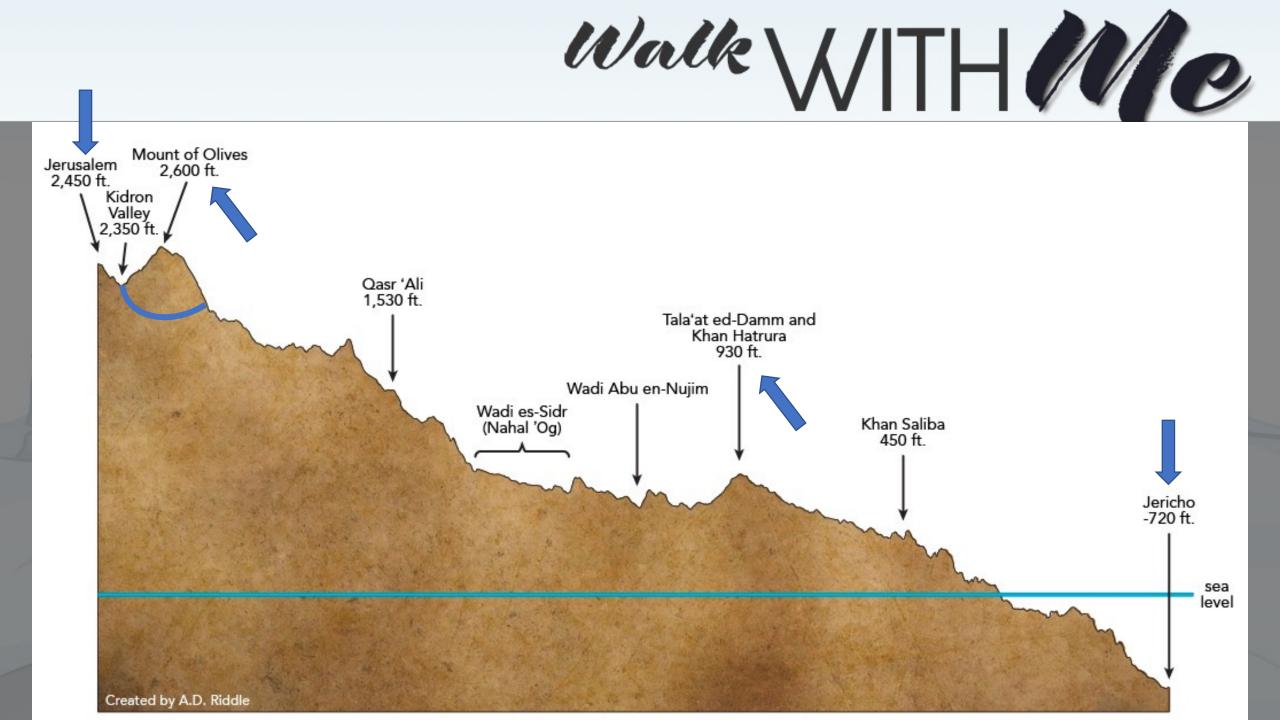


"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C.S. Lewis



Mark 11:1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples,







2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.



3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here."



4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.



5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"



6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission.



7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.



8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.



9 Those who went in front and those whofollowed were shouting:"Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMESIN THE NAME OF THE LORD;



10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!"



Passover Mark 11:1-10

Up from Jericho – into Bethany & Bethphage
Go retrieve donkey –
The Lord has need –
Grand theft burro? 1st of several miracles!
First of the pilgrimage feasts - Passover



"The stamp of the Saint is that he can waive his own rights and obey the Lord Jesus." C.S. Lewis



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



Disciples Later John 12:16

Disciples did not understand everything – yet
Disciples obeyed the Lord anyway!
Compared events to the Scriptures!
Saw how God used them to do His will



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C.S. Lewis



John 12:12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,



13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel."



14,15 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

Walk WITH Me Donkey Listens John 12:12-15

- "you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat" Luke 19
- Accessible owners willing to release
 Available colt with mother unbroken!
 Accommodating willing to be ridden in parade!



"The greatest joy of a Christian is to give joy to Christ." C. H. Spurgeon



John 11:17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him.



18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.



19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."



Dead Live John 12:17-19

Up from Jericho into Bethany – Lazarus home
Still lots of conversation
Many turned out to see the celebrity Jesus
Pharisees – 'your way is not working!'



"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." C.S. Lewis

Walk WITH Me

What is Palm Sunday?

Jesus recognized as miracle worker
Jesus welcomed as deliverer
Jesus knows the short-sighted views
Jesus now the enemy of the religious & leaders



"Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in': aim at Earth and you will get neither." C.S. Lewis, The Joyful Christian

Walk WITH Me

What is Palm Sunday?

See Jesus as King of Heaven
See Jesus as Eternal not Temporal
See Jesus use a donkey – note his characteristics
Accessible – Available – Accommodating
Celebrate the Resurrection – Lazarus the sign!



"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." C.S. Lewis

