

The Crown & The Cross

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The King Before The Cross

All verses are in the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise indicated

- ❖ Palm Sunday
- ❖ Jesus is not arriving as an unknown man.
- ❖ He has just raised Lazarus from the dead
- ❖ This caused His fame to spread even more
- ❖ Intensifies the hostility of His enemies.
- ❖ It's Passover season.

Matthew 21:1-3 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying 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. 3 If

anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

- Jesus’ entrance to Jerusalem was intentional, methodical and planned out.
- He was coming from Bethany
- Approx. 2 miles from Jerusalem
- He is intentionally pointing people to what to believe about him.

Matthew 21:4-5 4 This 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.’”

- Zechariah 9:9
- Written approx. 500 years before Jesus
- He is fulfilling Scripture

John 12:16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

- Sometimes we don't understand what God is doing in the moment.
- The disciples go and get the donkey and bring it to Jesus.
- The disciples didn't understand but they obeyed.
- The people didn't understand him then either.

Mark 11:8-10 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

- The disciples begin to praise for the mighty work they've seen.
- The city wonders who he is
- Some are confused about him
- Some say he's a prophet of Nazareth
- They wanted him to be David's successor to the throne

- Lead an army
- Kick Rome out
- The spreading of coats beneath him expressed his inauguration as king
- Jesus is forcing a decision about him
- “Hosanna” – Save us

Luke 19:41-42 41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

- He knows they will reject him
- Their hearts hardened to the truth