

Triumphal Entry Gospel Harmony

Sequence	Matthew 21	Mark 11	Luke 19	John 12
1. Jesus approaches Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1 – And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,	Mark 11:1 – And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,	Luke 19:28-29 – And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,	
2. Jesus instructs two disciples to get the colt	Matthew 21:2-3 – Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.	Mark 11:2-3 – And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.	Luke 19:30-31 – Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.	
3. Matthew inserts prophecy fulfillment / John records Jesus sitting on the young ass	Matthew 21:4-5 – All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.			John 12:14-15 – And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.
4. The disciples find the colt		Mark 11:4 – And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.	Luke 19:32 – And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.	
5. The owners / bystanders question them		Mark 11:5-6 – And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.	Luke 19:33-34 – And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him.	
6. The colt is brought to Jesus	Matthew 21:6-7 – And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.	Mark 11:7 – And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.	Luke 19:35 – And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.	
7. The crowd begins honoring Him on the road	Matthew 21:8 – And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.	Mark 11:8 – And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.	Luke 19:36 – And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.	John 12:12-13a – On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him,
8. The disciples / multitude begin praising God			Luke 19:37 – And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;	
9. The words of the crowd	Matthew 21:9 – And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.	Mark 11:9-10 – And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.	Luke 19:38 – Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.	John 12:13b – and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
10. John's narrative explanation: the disciples later understood				John 12:16 – These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.
11. John's narrative explanation: the Lazarus miracle explains the crowd				John 12:17-18 – The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.
12. Pharisees respond during / after the procession			Luke 19:39-40 – And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.	John 12:19 – The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.
13. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem			Luke 19:41-44 – And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.	
14. Jesus enters Jerusalem	Matthew 21:10-11 – And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.	Mark 11:11 – And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.		