



Week 1

Triumphal Entry

Sermon Notes

John 12:12-19

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, “Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Hail to the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: “Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.” His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

1. The Picture of the King

Genesis 49:9-12

- The people had been waiting for a deliverer to establish an unending nation
- Palm branches were a declaration of independence to the people of Israel

2. The Posture of the King

Zechariah 9:9

- Jesus rode the animal of the religious leaders
- He entered Jerusalem and went to the temple rather than the palace to show his intention of a spiritual revolution rather than a political one

3. The Promise of the King

Revelation 7:9-10

- The triumphal entry is a prophetic picture of heaven
- Redemption is available to us all
- When we worship, we make the declaration of our salvation
- Jesus is the overcoming king!

Questions to Consider

- 1. What stands out to you most about the crowd's response to Jesus entering Jerusalem?**
- 2. How does Jacob's blessing over Judah, spoken thousands of years before Jesus, demonstrate God's long-term plan for salvation?**
- 3. The sermon mentioned that 3.9 billion people have never heard the name of Jesus. How does this reality challenge or motivate you?**
- 4. Jesus chose to ride a donkey instead of a war horse. What does this tell us about the kind of king He is?**
- 5. The palm branch was Israel's "declaration of independence." What does your palm branch represent today? What do you need to declare independence from (sin, shame, guilt, fear, etc.)?**

Application

Personal Reflection

Take 2-3 minutes of silence for personal reflection:

- Is your worship distracted right now? What has pulled your focus away from Jesus?
- What area of your life needs a "declaration of independence" today?
- Are you approaching your faith with humility or pride?

This Week's Challenge: Holy Spirit Awareness Journal

Choose one or two to focus on this week:

1. Individual Actions:

- **Refocus your worship:** Set aside 15 minutes daily this week to worship Jesus without distraction
- **Declare independence:** Write down one thing you need freedom from and pray over it daily
- **Practice humility:** Identify one area where you've been prideful and intentionally serve someone this week
- **Speak blessing:** Call or write to a family member and speak words of blessing and encouragement over them

2. Group Actions:

- Attend the Wednesday prayer service together, believing for salvations at Easter
- Invite someone to Easter services who has never heard about Jesus
- Plan to serve together at an upcoming church outreach event

★ **Continue in your commitments to fasting and praying for salvation (details at dayspring.tv/fast).**

Pray for one another