

# **“Pony, Palms, Phony?”**

**Matt. 21**

**Mark 11**

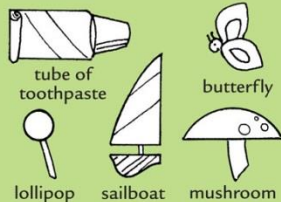
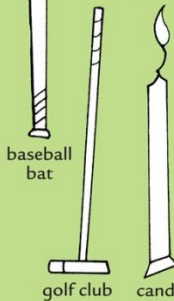
**Luke 19**

**John 12**



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## **Matt. 21:1-7**

**<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.**

**<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:**

**<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”**

**<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.**

**<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.**



## Messianic Prophecy - Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:  
behold, thy King cometh unto thee:  
he is just, and having salvation; lowly,  
and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt  
the foal of an ass. (KJV)

Matthew 21:7 says Jesus entered Jerusalem on an ass and its colt. Since He would not have put his weight on an immature animal, this is how I imagine He might have satisfied the prophecy.

N.b., donkey and ass are synonyms.

A foal is a baby donkey.

A colt is a young male donkey.

Donkeys are weaned at about six months and then removed from their mothers' presence.

The fact the colt was tied up near its jenny suggests it was old enough to begin weaning.





## **Matt. 21:8**

**<sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.**

## **John 12:12-13**

**<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him....**























## **Mark 11:9-10**

**9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,**

**“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 heaven!”**



## **Luke 19:39-40**

**39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,

**“Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”**

**40** “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”



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## **John 12:16**

**16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.**



## **Rev. 7:9-10**

**9** After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. **10** And they cried out in a loud voice:

**“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”**



## **Rev. 19:11-16**

**<sup>11</sup> I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup> The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:**

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**



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