

Here Comes The King

The account of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem is mentioned in the three synoptic Gospels: in Matt. 21, Mark 11 & Luke 19. It is an incredibly inspiring narrative of the perfect combination of Divinity & humanity in One person, our Lord Jesus Christ, as He approaches the City of Jerusalem riding on a young donkey. Perfectly submitted to His Father's will, He will be fulfilling prophecy, which is His destiny, as both Lord and Savior of all mankind. How tragic & poetic, that He would be hailed by a multitude of disciples as King one day, and then tried as a criminal and hung on a Cross just days later! The effect of His entry into Jerusalem was seismic upon all, comparable to an earthquake (**Matt. 21:10**), with all the city asking, "Who is this?"

What could all this mean? Did this have to happen? Who is this Man?

Matt. 21:1-11 TPT. Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

V. 3 TPT note: "Only once in the gospels do we see Jesus ever needing anything. In this case He needed a donkey. More than one commentator has seen a picture here of how the Lord "*needs*" every believer to be His representative in the world."

Vv. 4-5 Let there be no doubt as to who this Person, riding on the colt, steadied by its mother, was & is! 400 years earlier (i.e. 1624 A.D.), in **Zechariah 9:9** we read, "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, **your King is coming** to you; He is just & having salvation, lowly & riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*"

Kings rode horses. The donkey was a sign of Jesus' humility & gentleness.

Before this, the colt had **never been ridden**. The tomb in which Jesus was laid was never occupied before (Matt. 27:60). If Joseph of Arimathea, a follower of Christ, had not offered Pilate to take Jesus' body to his **new** tomb, located in a nearby garden for **new** life, then where would Jesus have been buried? One professor suggests that His body would have been put in a potter's field – "a hole in the ground for mass burial. Had that happened the idea of the resurrection would have been more difficult to prove." Oh glory,

for the providence of God then and now! Oh, glory to God, most of all for the empty tomb!!

V. 8 hearkens back to the crowning of another king named Jehu. **2 Kings 9:13 AMPC** *“Then they hastily took every man his garment and put it [for a cushion] under Jehu on the top of the [outside] stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying Jehu is king!”* Just **17 verses later**, this freshly anointed king prophetically, obediently goes to Jezreel to slay idolatrous Queen Jezebel according to the word from Elijah in 1 Kings 21. May our lives be so directed by the Spirit of prophecy that we’d know of a truth what God has destined for us to do as well. Listen to your prophecies & trust! **Read** the Word of God, believe & act, for now is the time to fully do His will!

For what did Jesus do after His “crowning”? **After the people cut down branches to spread in His path, with a procession surrounding & following Him, they crying out (v. 9 TPT), “Bring the victory, Lord (Aramaic: “Hosanna” = “O, save (bring the victory), Lord!”)*** This is taken from **Psa. 118:25-26 TPT** *“O God, please come & save us again; bring us your breakthrough victory! 26. Blessed is this one who comes to us, the sent one of the Lord. And from within the temple we cry, “We bless you!”*

***TPT note:** “The crowds were recognizing Jesus as Yahweh’s Messiah. By shouting out, “*Son of David,*” they were clearly expecting Jesus to immediately overthrow the Roman oppression and set the nation free. Many want victory before the cross, but **true victory comes after resurrection!**” Have you committed your life to Jesus yet? Lay it down now.

After Crowning Comes Cleansing

After Jesus’ crowning, He went into the defiled temple to cleanse it (vv. 12-14 TPT). He had cleansed the temple once before (John 2:13-22). This was an enacted parable, in which Jesus showed His Messianic authority over the

fraud & commercialization of the sacrificial system. Finally, laser-focused, Jesus drives out the merchants & money changers, & overturns tables.

Then the blind & lame come to Him & are healed! Repent and turn to Jesus & be healed!

Theologian & historian **Jerome on v. 12**: “For a certain fiery & starry light shone from his eyes, & the majesty of God gleamed in His face.” I’ve seen it!