

Seven Days

John 12:12-19

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John 12:12-19 (NLT)

¹²The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors ¹³took 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!” ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: ¹⁵“Don’t be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey’s colt.” ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. ¹⁸That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. ¹⁹Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”

Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem...

1. Fulfilled Prophecy

Psalm 118:24-26 (ESV)

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

2. Displayed Humility

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT)

⁹Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt.

3. Symbolic Selection

Exodus 12:3 (NIV)

³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

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Luke 19:35-40 (ESV)

³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Blessed means “*Hosanna*” in the Greek, an exclamation of praise – which means to **“PLEASE SAVE...SAVE NOW”!**

When Jesus comes in what will you do?

- a. Some came to ***worship***
- b. Some came to ***spectate***

***“Many in the crowd came looking for celebrity
instead of looking for the Savior!”***

- c. Some came to stir up ***trouble/controversy***

LOOK, THE KING IS COMING!