

# THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCE

## INTRODUCTION:

Today we are celebrating a special day that was prophetically foretold almost 5 centuries (486yrs) before it happened.

It is recognized by many as Palm Sunday, for the Crowd of that day “**cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road**” **Matthew 21:8** ESV

As Jesus Triumphantly entered into Jerusalem.

It is the beginning of the *last week*, the *last days* in Jesus’ earthly physical life!

## I. JESUS KNEW HIS ‘TIME’ WAS NEAR...

John’s Gospel (s) tells us clearly... **Jesus KNEW that the Time Hour had come for him to leave this world and go back to the Father.** GW

**A.** Jesus *understood* that this would be his last trip into Jerusalem. He knew that in just a few days He would “**suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes.**” Matthew 16:21 KJV

**B.** He was *fully aware* that He would be put to death by way of Crucifixion days after entering Jerusalem!  
He knew what awaited Him and yet He still went! **WHY?**

**LOVE** ~ Propelled Him – Drove Him – Compelled Him, to do it! **John 3:16** TPT

- 1. 1 John 3:1a** **BEHOLD** what Manner of Love **the Father has** Given Us, **that we should be called** Children of God. MKJV
- 2. Romans 5:8** **But God has Shown us how much He Loves Us—** it was **While we were** Still Sinners **that Christ died for us!** GNB
- 3. Hebrews 12:2b...** **who for the JOY** that was Set Before Him **endured the** cross, **despising the** shame, **and** sat down **at the right of the** throne of God. MKJV

## II. GOD ARRIVING ON A DONKEY... (God in the flesh- John 1:14 - 1Timothy 3:16)

A. Jesus could have entered Jerusalem in a Blazing Chariot or a Powerful White Stallion but instead He chose to enter with a Donkey!

1. In doing so, He was Revealing, He didn't come as a Political Figure or Warrior but as a "**Humble Servant**" **Philippians 2:7** in Love and in Peace.
2. His Humility as a Servant and His Love and Compassion in Action, attracted the masses of His Day as unseen and unmatched before His time.
  - a. **Luke 5:15** But the word about Him (Jesus) Spread even more. And GREAT CROWDS were coming to hear, and to be healed from their infirmities by Him. MKJV
  - b. **John 6:2** And a GREAT MULITUDE followed Him (Jesus), because they saw His miracles which He did on the sick ones.
3. Others had drawn crowds but Jesus drew "**GREAT CROWDS**", "**GREAT MULITUDES**"! MKJV
  - a. Jesus just... "**went about (around)** Doing Good, and Healing All **those who were** Oppressed **by the devil, for** God Was with Him." **Acts 10:38** MKJV

## III. THE ENTRANCE...

When Jesus Triumphantly entered into Jerusalem, there was excitement in the air... the people were exuberantly happy.... there was an atmosphere of great expectation.... a sense of a 'forever change' happening before them... history in the making by this event in the moment!

A. History recorded in the Bible states...

"... **the CROWDS that went before him and that followed him were**

SHOUTING, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'" **Matthew 21:9** ESV

1. In fact, the Scripture records... "And when He entered Jerusalem, the WHOLE City was STIRRED UP, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." **Matthew 21:10-11** ESV

**B.** Unfortunately, the Praises they Lavished on Jesus would be short lived, for it came out of WRONG MOTIVES and not out of Sincerity!

1. This same Jesus who was Praised by the Crowd, in 4 short days, would be brutally assaulted, with their approval and dragged through the streets of Jerusalem, eventually Crucified!
2. Their worship was tainted out of their desire to be delivered from Roman Oppression!

**C.** The Jews wanted to defeat the Romans who had invaded their land, much like the Ukrainians today want to do, to the Russians.

1. The people were looking for a "Revolutionary", someone who would Lead them and they could Rally around, to violently overthrow the Roman Government.
2. They saw Jesus and His *Messianic Entrance* into Jerusalem as the person and the event to do just that but that's not quite what Jesus had in mind!

#### **IV. WHAT JESUS HAD IN MIND...**

Jesus did come to be Victorious but not over Rome or any other human Government! He came to be Victorious Over the Devil, Sin, and the Hearts of Men!!

**A.** Jesus came to *Put an End*, to whatever 'Sin Activity' exists in your life!  
To *Put an End* the devil's work!

1. **1 John 3:5... He was REVEALED that He might 'Take Away' our Sins, and in Him is no sin.** MKJV

**1 John 3:8b ... The REASON {purpose} the Son of God Appeared was to Destroy the Works of the devil.** ESV

a. **DESTROY** - 3089 λύω, lyō - undo, loosen, set free, break, destroy

2. Every work, every activity of the devil is destroyed, loosen, broken over your life by the *Triumphant Entrance* of Jesus in your Heart, when you Accept Him as Lord and Savior!!

## V. NOW WE ARE OVERCOMERS...

The Attitude, the tone that the Scriptures Set for the Blood Bought Believer is nothing less, than one who OVERCOMES, WINS, who Defeats its enemy!

**1 John 2:13... I write to you, young men, because You Have OVERCOME the "evil one"...** **14 I have written to you, young men, because you are Strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and You Have OVERCOME the "evil one".** MKJV

**1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and You Have OVERCOME them, because He who is In You is Greater than he who is in the world.** MKJV

**OVERCOME**~ from the root word **Níkē**, {3529 νίκη} to Prevail, have Victory

**A. We are to OVERCOME "evil one" Not be OVERCOME by the "evil one"!**  
The Believer, the Child of God is/will **Not be Ruled, Controlled or Dominated by the "evil one"!**

1. The Bible explicitly states: **For Sin shall Not Have DOMINION Over You, for you are not under Law, but under Grace. Romans 6:14** MKJV

2. **DOMINION** - 2961 κυριεύω; kurieúō; exercise Rule or Authority over you, Mastery ws. Have Influence over you, THAYER. To rule or Exercise Lordship over you STRG.
3. IF you are BA, you are under **Grace** - meaning we are now driven, guided by Gods' Divine Influence instead of the "evil one's" influence.
4. Nothing can or should Dominate us **unless** we allow it... By surrendering our God given Dominion to it!!

## VI. CONCLUSION...

And just like Jesus Triumphantly Entered into Jerusalem, **Today**, if you Allow Him, He will *Enter Triumphantly* into your life to Destroy and Set You Free from sins grip, the devils' work of influence over you!

**1 John 5:4** Every **child of God is Able to Defeat** <sup>3528</sup> **the world. And We Win the Victory over the world by means of our Faith.**

**5** Who can Defeat <sup>3528</sup> **the world? Only the person who Believes that** Jesus is the Son of God. GNB