SUNDAY

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

12The next day the great *crowd* that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!"

John 12:12-13

- Very positive toward Jesus.
- D.A. Carson writes that the crowd could have numbered in the millions.
- Palm branches were a national symbol.
 - A nation ready to welcome a King who would lead them to overtake the Roman rule.

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming seated on a donkey's colt."

John 12:14-15

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broke. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-10

- Jesus Entered as a Humble King, Not a Warrior Ready for Battle.
- Only a God Appointed King Could Save the "Daughter".
 - A King like David, not Saul.
- Using a Donkey Points to Trust in God Alone and Not In the Horse and Chariot (Psalm 20:7).

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death-even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

- Our Relationships with Each Other Should Have the Mindset of Christ:
 - Servants to God and One Another
 - Humbling Ourselves to God and Each Other

- Has Jesus Changed Your Life?
- If He Has Changed Your Life, Are You Keeping His Commandments?
- Remember This: Jesus Loves You!

Jesus went from healing the sick, driving out demons, and raising the dead *TO* riding a donkey, washing dirty feet, and dying on a cross *TO* combing alive, leaving a grave, sending the Spirit, changing lives forever.

The Triumphal Entry