

Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:29–38; John 12:12–15

Much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. John 12:12–13

Jesus and His disciples were traveling to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. As they neared the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples to a nearby village, telling them that as they entered it they would find a donkey and her colt. The disciples were to untie the animals and bring them to Him. If anyone asked why they were doing this, they were to say, “The Lord hath need of them,” and there would be no trouble. (See Matthew 21:1–5; Mark 11:1–6; Luke 19:29–34.)

After the two disciples had brought the animals to Jesus, they laid clothing on the colt’s back

for Jesus to sit on. As Jesus rode the colt toward Jerusalem, large crowds of people gathered to honor Him and to spread clothing and palm branches on the ground in front of Him. The followers rejoiced and cried out, “Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Mark 11:9; see also Matthew 21:6–9; Mark 11:7–10; Luke 19:35–38; John 12:12–13).

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, many of the people asked, “Who is this?” The multitude replied, “This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee” (Matthew 21:10–11).

Summary

Jesus traveled with His disciples to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, and He entered the city riding on the colt of a donkey. Large crowds of people gathered to honor Jesus. They spread

clothing and palm branches in His path. The people rejoiced and shouted, “Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Mark 11:9).

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