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The Triumphal Entry

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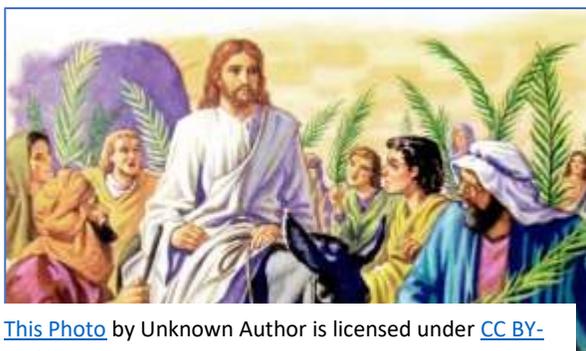
The waiting was over – the promised King was finally coming into Jerusalem and the people crowded the streets to cheer his arrival. Wow, this was a big parade – and Jesus deserved it. Remember how he had traveled all over Israel helping people, doing miracles, and telling them about God’s love. Now he was coming to the capitol, the most important city. This was something the Bible had been promising for hundreds of years. It was all finally coming together, and the people were going crazy!

But there was a problem: Jesus wasn’t rich like a normal king. He didn’t have a big fancy horse or a big fancy army to go with him in this parade. Jesus’ entry however announces the character of His kingdom. If it had been an earthly royalty that he was proclaiming, he would have come riding in a war chariot. The *donkey* represents *lowliness* and *peace*. Jesus was the *king of love*—not of strife. He came to fill the world with *blessing*—not with *carnage*!

Often called the Triumphal Entry, this wave of popularity would be short lived. Yet in that special moment, we get a hint of the final return of Christ. Read on!

Worship

Shout Hosanna (with Lyrics)



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In Christ Alone (with Lyrics)





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Bible Passage
Luke 19:28-40



Devotion
Rev. Larry Varghese



Memory Verse
Psalm 31:24

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" **32** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They said, "The Lord needs it." **35** Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power 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 heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



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Video Resources

Use these videos to learn more about this week's theme.

Preschool and Elementary



Middle and High School



Lessons for Life

Jesus performed many miracles. The people believed Jesus was the Christ, the one who would rise to power and free the people from the hardships placed on them by the Romans. So, they shouted praises of joy when they saw Him. Little did they know the reason Jesus came to earth was to free the people not from the Romans, but from their sins. Jesus offered the gift of everlasting life. That gift is for everyone who hears the Word of God and welcomes Jesus into their hearts.

Now He is our King—and His people are with Him in His triumph.

The Bible says that Jesus will come again, but not in a parade on a donkey but in the clouds in full glory. When Jesus comes again it will be to take his place as King of the world. This means we need to decide now if we will believe and follow Jesus. We need to be ready for his return.



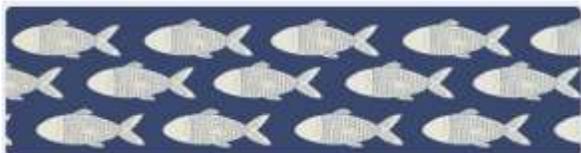
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Prayer

*Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Questions?

Submit questions using the form below



Sunday School Q&A

Feedback

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