

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 ¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent out two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone questions you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶So the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A massive crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed were shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰When Jesus had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds replied, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” (BSB)

Intro: I Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. (BSB)
The Israelites were to take the Passover lamb into their homes on the 10th day of the month and sacrifice it on the 14th. This event was the fulfillment of this as Jesus enters Jerusalem five days before He will be sacrificed.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The **Provision** for the Triumphal Entry was supernaturally arranged. V. 1-2
- B. The **Prophecy** that this was to happen just as it was foretold. V. 4
- C. The **Procession** was a proclamation that the Messiah had come. V. 9-11

II. Why is this event so important?

- A. This is **proof** that Jesus was really who He claimed to be. The number of prophecies fulfilled by Him would be impossible to rig. The skeptics must resort to saying that the eyewitnesses who recorded these events must have made it up.
- B. Jesus totally fulfills the **criteria** of what the Lamb of God was to be. He stayed in Jerusalem for 5 days before His crucifixion.
- C. His **example** of humility needs to be **followed** by His children.

Matthew 16:24-25 Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. (BSB)