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**The Triumphal Entry**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And 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!" <sup>10</sup> 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."

*About Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday...*

**What It Wasn't**

Rev. 19:11-16; Matt. 24:29-31; Zech. 14:4-9; Psalm 24:7-10; Matt. 25:31&32; Luke 1:32&33; Isaiah 24:23; 11:1-9; 25:6-9; Zech. 14:8&9.

**What It Was**

Luke 19:41-44; 13:34&35; Zech. 9&10.

**How to Respond**



- Jesus knowingly rides into a city that will reject and kill Him. Why is it important that He comes “unarmed”?
- What happened on Palm Sunday is what he had been doing since coming to earth. How does Jesus’ birth mirror His entry into Jerusalem?
- Reflect on this statement: **“He was struck so that we might not be struck.”** What does this reveal about how God makes peace with us? Why is the cross the only way to end the “war”?
- Read Luke 19:42–44. What warning does Jesus give about continued rejection?
- The crowd cries out “Hosanna” (Save now). Why is that the *right* response to Jesus’ humble coming? What are they recognizing about Him in that moment?
- The crowds were saying in so many words, **“Thank you for not coming on a war horse yet.”** Why is that such good news? What would it mean for us if He *had* come in judgment first?

### **Making It Real**

Take a moment to reflect: Jesus is coming to you *now* in humility, not judgment.

Pray together:

- Thank Him for coming in gentleness
- Ask for soft hearts that recognize His voice
- Ask for courage to respond today—not later

### **Resources:**

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