

The Triumphal Entry

(Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19)

Entry Route

- 1) Prior to the fall of Judah to the Babylonian empire in 586 B.C. , the prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of God’s Glory leaving the temple due to idolatry and sin (Eze 10:18-19, 11:23).
 - a. God’s Presence left by the Eastern Gate of the temple.
- 2) The prophet then saw the vision of God’s Glory returning by the same route, i.e. through the Eastern Gate (Eze 43:4)
- 3) Jesus entered Jerusalem from the east, via Bethpage and Bethany. This was a foreshadow of His Second Coming.

Donkey & the Colt

- 1) Coronation of King Solomon...rode on King David’s mule (1Kings 1:38,39)
- 2) Fulfillment of the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9
- 3) Donkeys played a significant role in transportation of sacrifices.
 - a. Used by Abraham and Isaac to carry the wood for the sacrifice (Gen. 22:3)
- 4) Firstborn of a donkey was required to be redeemed (Exodus 13:13)

Palm Branches

- 1) Used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall season (Leviticus 23:34-43)
 - a. Hosanna (HOSHIANA: “Help us now, Deliver us, Save us”)
 - b. Fulfillment of prophecy of the coming of the Son of David
- 2) A sign for Jewish independence from tyranny
 - a. Jewish revolt (69-70 A.D.) issued bronze coins with the symbol of the “lulav”.
 - i. Made of a palm branch, two boughs of willow.
