

Matthew 21:1-11

1As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.3If anyone says anything to you, say 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 Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8A very large 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 shouted,

"Hosannato the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosannain the highest heaven!"

10When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Our King Arrives

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A day like no other:

Jerusalem was filled: Passover week had come
Rumors were flying: A prophet had appeared
Prophecies were known: Expectations were high

Jesus' identity was now declared: Messiah King

By His teaching: about the Kingdom
By His miracles: demonstrating his power
By His words: affirming the testimony
By His entrance: on the back of a donkey

The qualities of the Messiah King:

A leader for deliverance
An establishment of a kingdom
An example of righteousness

High expectations for the Messiah:

A gatherer of armies: popularity
An overthrewer of oppressors: power
A return of wealth: prosperity

The King we need

Priority on holiness: a life of obedience
Deliverance from sin: sacrificial death
Defeat of death: resurrection from dead
Establishment of the Kingdom: already but not yet

"Thy kingdom come"

His promised return: the kingdom fulfilled
His promised presence: the kingdom infilled
His promised manifestation: the kingdom revealed

When Jesus is our king:

He is acknowledged as King
He is obeyed as King
He is honored as King