



# Jesus Enters as King

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey.*

ZECHARIAH 9:9

It was time. Jesus was entering Jerusalem, and He knew what was about to happen. He knew it was time to fulfill the promise that God made long ago to rescue His people. Jesus tried to tell His disciples what was going to happen to Him in Jerusalem, but they didn't understand. They still thought Jesus would start His kingdom the way other kings did, by fighting His enemies.

Jesus told His friends to go into the next village. There, they would find a mother donkey and her baby. Jesus told them to untie the donkeys and bring them to Him. If someone asked why they were taking the donkeys, Jesus' friends should say, "The Lord needs them" (Matthew 21:3).

So Jesus' friends went and did exactly what He said to do. They brought the donkeys to Jesus and put their cloaks on them. Then Jesus sat on the young donkey and rode into Jerusalem. He didn't ride on a strong horse like a warrior king. No, not Jesus. Instead, He rode on a small donkey like the true, humble King promised long ago by the prophets.

People saw Jesus coming into Jerusalem and remembered all the good things He had done. They remembered the words of the prophets. They knew that He was the Messiah, the King sent by God to rescue them. They spread their cloaks on the road and put tree branches down to honor Jesus. They shouted out praises, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38).

These people believed. But the Pharisees were angry and told Jesus to make the people stop. Jesus said to them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (v. 40).

• ***How do you praise and honor Jesus as King?*** •

