

Christ Triumphal Entry

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21 :1 -11) represents His public prophetic claim to be the promised Messiah and King arriving on a donkey. Christ was fulfilling the prophecy in (Zechariah 9:9) showing that the promised King brings salvation and not just a political victory. Christ rode in on a donkey to identify himself as humble, lowly, and peaceful in the midst of war and conflict. Christ wanted the people to see him as a servant King and not as a ruler.

The Israelites welcomed Christ shouting Hosanna (save us) with palm branches, acknowledging him as the predicted King of Israel. The palm branches were a traditional act of honoring royalty and a symbol of victory. The crowd continued to hail Him as conqueror, although many misunderstood his mission as political, hoping for liberation rather than spiritual redemption. These same people would later reject Him as the Messiah. Jesus knew he was approaching his death, leading to both adoration and deep sorrow on his part.

(Exodus 12:3-6) God commanded the Israelites to select an unblemished male lamb to be kept until its sacrifice on Nisan 14. Jesus entered Jerusalem on Nisan 10, a significant time marking the selection of the Passover Lamb in Exodus. It symbolizes Jesus's entry into Jerusalem as the "Lamb of God" (Palm Sunday) and his crucifixion on Nisan 14. Jesus was rewriting the story, not replacing it but fulfilling it. No longer would deliverance come through the blood of animals, but through the perfect, willing sacrifice of the Son of God.

Christ triumphal entry mirrors present day. As disciples we are to follow and mimic who Christ was during his entry. We must be humble, lowly, and peaceful. We must worship and praise God for who he is in our lives. We must not worship Him out of routine and just on Sundays, but we must honor Him daily. Christ peace is not established through worldly power, wealth, and political movements but through humility and spiritual transformation. We must not seek personal glory but rather follow a path of humility and service to God. We must remain faithful in challenging and difficult times. We must not give up on Him, but we must stand out with power, Holy boldness, and supernatural confidence.

Christ sacrificed his life for us, and we must continue to let our light shine so that men may see Christ in us. Our light should not diminish but become brighter as we grow in grace, knowledge, and truth. Your light is a gift designed to be noticed by those around you causing them to honor and recognize God. It can inspire others to be better and understand their faith. It distinguishes you from the crowd by allowing God to work through you for His purpose. Shining your light means you act with integrity, forgiving others and

displaying generosity and humility. Just as Jesus was rejected, everyone is not going to receive you, but we must continue to be an example in this day and time. We must be fully committed and dedicated to stand on His word letting nothing separate you from His love. We are His disciples, and our main goal is to disciple others to follow Him.

Just as Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as a humble servant and was recognized and praised as the new King, we must also continue to daily recognize Him as the ultimate authority and our Savior who provides all that we need. True victory does not always look triumphant at first. Sometimes it looks like surrender, but through Jesus, surrender leads to life. With Christ in our lives, we do not have room for anything else. Jesus is the bread of life, a divine source of spiritual substance. It provides salvation, it sustains the soul and spirit and provides everlasting life. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and for this we give Him praise.