



The Portraits of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Today's devotional centers around the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ. The Passover festival was about to begin and Jews from all over the world were coming to Jerusalem for the week long celebration of the Jewish exodus from Egypt.

Mark 11: 1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

If we could think about the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday that has become known as Palm Sunday without thinking about the rest of the week's activity, I believe we would say it was a great day of celebration and expectation.

The atmosphere was filled with interests and jubilation! People were excited about the fact that the long-awaited Savior was coming to deliver them from the Roman's domination. They viewed this as an opportunity for the overthrow of the Roman's power over their lives.

If we didn't know the rest of the story about what the rest of the week held for Jesus, we would be just as excited as the people were when they saw Jesus entering into Jerusalem on a colt.

But, we have a full portrait of that week. Portraits allow us to look back and experience things.

- † **Portraits are revealing.** They allow us to think, feel and experience a past event as if we were there.
- † **Portraits are important.** They allow us to capture the true historical account of an event.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem caused the emerging of the following portraits:

† **The Portrait of Humility Emerges (Mark 11:7)**

- ◇ Jesus riding on the colt was an act of humility (strength under control) (Matt. 21:2-5; Zech. 9:9)
- ◇ Jesus was humble. (Phil. 2:8-11)

† **The Portrait of Honor Emerges (Mark 11:8)**

- ◇ The placing of coats on the colt were acts of honor.
- ◇ The placing of coats and leafy branches on the road were acts of honor.

† **The Portrait of Hope Emerges (Mark 11:9-10)**

- ◇ The gathering of the crowd, both front and back, was an act of hope.
- ◇ The shouts of the crowd were cries of hope.

Life Applications:

- † Christians should humble themselves in the presence of the Lord. (James 4:10)
- † Christians should honor and give reverence to the Lord. (I Corinthians 6:20)
- † Christians should place their hope in the Lord. (I Timothy 1:11)

Palm Sunday teaches us about the power of expecting the return of our Lord Jesus. It teaches us that there is nothing that can be compared to being in Jesus' presence forever. Palm Sunday teaches us that now is the time to be prepared for the coming of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. The crowd shouted "Hosanna" as Jesus entered Jerusalem. What does it mean to begin our faith journey by recognizing Jesus as King?
2. Jesus entered humbly on a colt rather than with earthly power. How does faith help us understand God's strength through humility?
3. As we journey on this Easter Expedition, how can Worship Services and Sunday School help prepare our hearts for the journey toward the Resurrection?

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Understand ... You Need To Be Saved

- † Because you have sinned. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- † Because your sin has a penalty. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
- † Because you cannot save yourself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done." (Titus 3:5)

Understand ... You Can Be Saved

- † Because God loves you. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- † Because Jesus died for you. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
- † Because God raised Jesus from the dead. "God...raised up Jesus...so He could grant repentance...and bestow forgiveness and release us from sins." (Acts 5:30-31)

Understand ... There Is Something For You To Do To Be Saved

- † You must repent (turn from sin). "Repent...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)
- † You must put your faith in Jesus (only). "For by grace are you

saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

- † You must surrender to Jesus as your Lord (boss). "If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

1. Do you believe you need to be saved? Yes No
2. Do you believe you can be saved? Yes No
3. Do you believe God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes No

If you are ready to be saved, then you are ready to pray. The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Dear Lord Jesus:

I know I am a sinner and right now I ask you to forgive me. I know you died for my sins, and right now I invite you into my heart to be my Savior and Lord. I willingly turn from my sin and give my life to you. Thank you for saving me. Amen.

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