

John 12:12-16 Jesus comes into Jerusalem & the people meet Him in joy. He fulfills the prophecy in Zech 9:9, although his disciples did not quite understand at this point in the story....

*A View of the Entry with information from all 4 Gospels*

1. Jesus arrives at Bethphage by the way of Jericho. He sends two of the disciples ahead to procure the donkey.
  - a. Matthew 21:1-6
  - b. Zechariah 9:9
2. The crowd gathers & cuts down palm leaves & spreads cloaks along the roadway in an expression of praise & celebration, hailing Him as the King of Israel. John 12:16
3. The commotion reaches the ears of those within Jerusalem. Some of the citizens of the city itself join in the crowd.
  - a. Luke 19:39-40
  - b. The leaders - The Pharisees are not pleased
  - c. Jesus rebukes them for their demand that the crowd stop the praising.
4. As He drew near & saw the city, He mourned over Jerusalem & its people. He knew what was coming & what was going to happen... Luke 19:41-44
  - a. Jesus details what is soon coming-death & destruction Luke 19:42-44
  - b. The death & destruction (think the Romans destroying the city some 40-50 years later) happens because the people & their leaders did not realize Who He was & some of the very folks who celebrated later turned against Him.
  - c. They were NOT paying attention to their Scriptures. Today is no different. Be aware!! His return is yea & amen. Be ready!
5. Jesus is now in the city & goes to the Temple to have a look around. With the onset of evening, He then goes to Bethany with the disciples. Mark 11:11
6. The next day they return to Jerusalem, & happen across the fruitless fig tree. As an example to His followers, He ends up curing the tree for being fruitless, even though it evidently IS the season of fruiting. Don't be fruitless in your work for the Lord, seems to be the message.
  - a. Mark 11:12-14
  - b. See Pastor Billy's sermon, Have Faith in God!  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LR6-aE6CgK9fyAlnt-L6XK3V3v24w5Mg6X9YpV4fWCQ/edit?usp=sharing>
7. He then enters the Temple & proceeds to cleanse it, greatly angering the scribes, priests, & merchants.
  - a. Once cleansed, He went back to teaching. Mark 11:15-17
  - b. With the crowds there & the season of Passover upon them, they daren't arrest Him in broad daylight
  - c. The offended leaders got together to figure out how to destroy Him. Mark 11:18
  - d. He leaves for Bethany once evening descends. Mark 11:19 He probably does this each night.

**Events which fed into the fever, both in support & opposition, before & during the Triumphal Entry**

8. The Gospel of John leaves out many details, but does concentrate on Jesus' ministry to His disciples, & looks closely at the raising of Lazarus which evidently occurred just before Jesus' Triumphal entry.
  - a. John 11 He does not record the information regarding the donkey, the colt or the entrance into Jerusalem, but He does record the mounting anger of the chief priests & the Pharisees...
  - b. John 12:9-11 also includes a plot to kill Lazarus since he was a living reason for the crowds to follow Jesus.
9. A theme in the Gospels is that when the events happened, the disciples did not understand the full implication of the various events. Later, however, they did put things in order & came to a much

deeper understanding & faith in the Lord as they looked back & could see the unfolding of the plans of God.

10. The Parable of the 10 Talents happens earlier, when Jesus was in Jericho, and met with Zacchaeus. Luke 19:11 This, too, is before the Triumphal Entry.

*Once the Lord & His followers come into Jerusalem, the excitement of the people builds, but they are looking for a Conquering King to overthrow the Romans. He was not that king...*

Acts 1:6 After Jesus resurrects & before He ascends to heaven, the disciples are still confused as to what should happen next, but they do know He is alive & they are ready to share the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah.

John 12:13 branches of palm trees crying Hosanna, meaning "save now", & many were looking for the destruction of a great enemy out of Israel

Psalms 118:1-8 ,8-11, 13-14, 17-21 The words which the crowd calls out comes from this Messianic psalm. It may have been sung at Passover every year, but this year had a very special significance. It is a song of faith, confidence, & a reminder of who & what we are in God. They were counting on this Man Whom they recognized as their king.

John 11:49-52 Caiaphas speaks prophetically as the opposition to the Lord

Mark 16:17-20 signs **following**

John 6:15 When the crowd began to proclaim Him as king, He withdrew from the crowd

Matthew 21:42 The stone which the builders rejected WAS Jesus!

John 14:25-31 Once He was glorified, they would understand; until then, just trust & believe & the Holy Ghost will come, teach, & show the way~read the Word~ Study His message & follow His voice.

John 12:17-19 The people follow Him esp. Because of Lazarus' raising, & the power structure is afraid!

John 11:47-54 the Pharisees are in a panic & want to arrest Him maybe during the Passover week,. Jesus avoids them by going out of the city at night & stays among the crowds in the day....

Matthew 26:3-5 The plot to kill Jesus, planned for after the feast day, not on it, so as to not incite a riot

Zechariah 9:9 He comes in peace...this time...

Mark 4:16-17 the crowd turns...they are the object lesson of this parable

1 Peter 2:18-24 Once you turn to the Lord, you are His servant. Behave yourself well & follow His example ~be patient in suffering, esp. when it is not deserved. Know He has been there before you.

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PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday! This is one of the most important remembrances of the Christian faith ~ our King comes in peace, and the crowds gather to see Him, honor Him, and perhaps hope He will do more miracles... Little do they know the greatest miracle of all comes at the end of this last week of His earthly life.

Follow along with Pastor Billy's notes at

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