

Matt. 21:1-12, What Is Your Journey?



Matt. 21:1 – 12

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

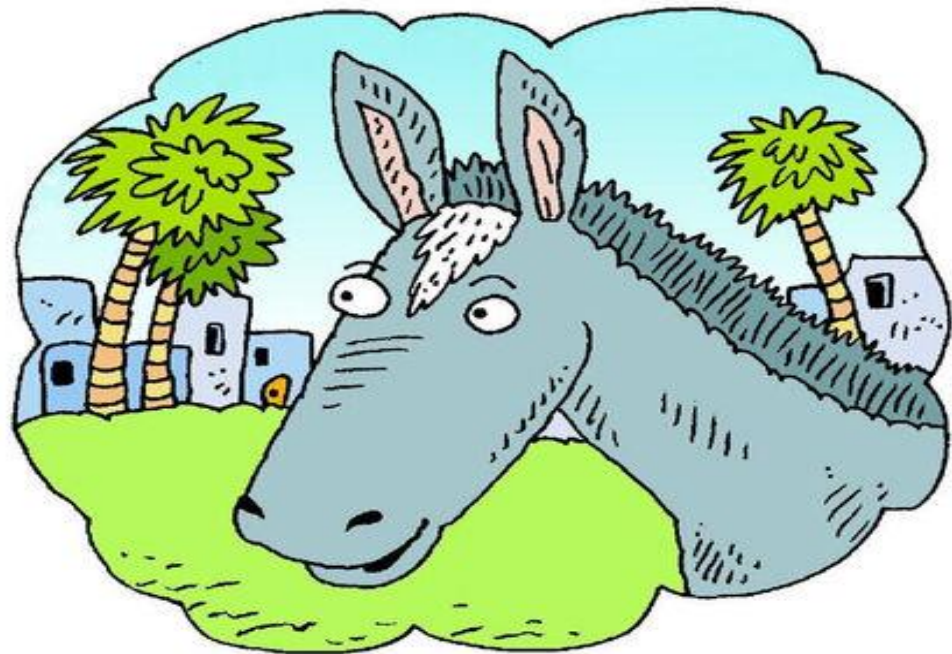
The disciples did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?”

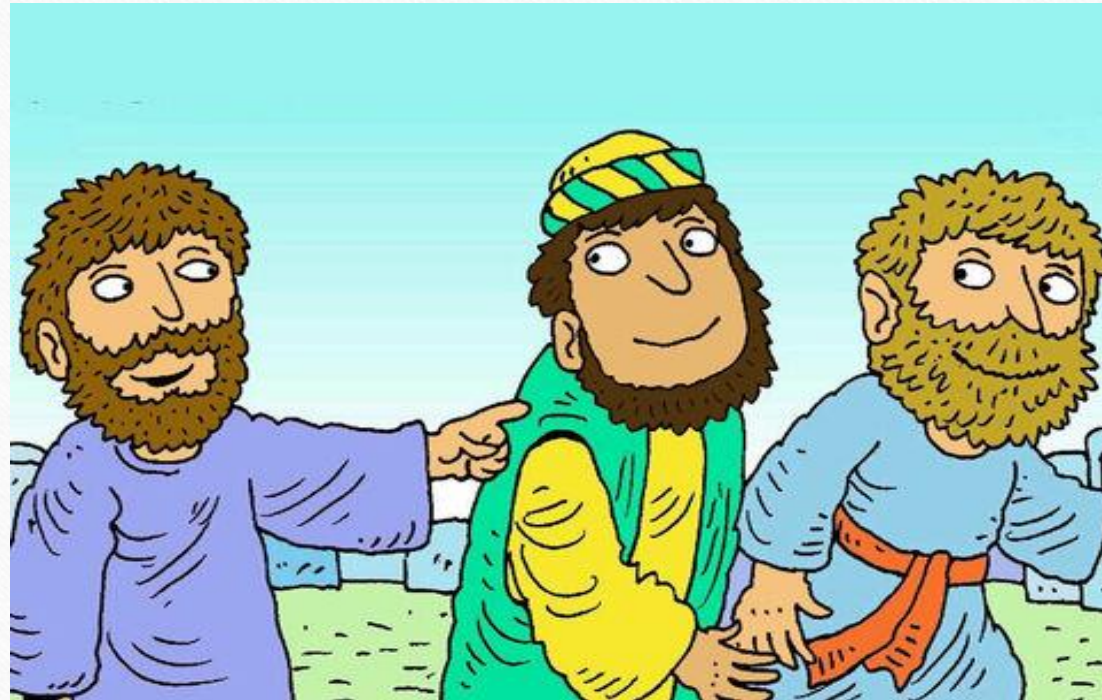
And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

Jesus Wants a Donkey



Jesus Sends Two Disciples



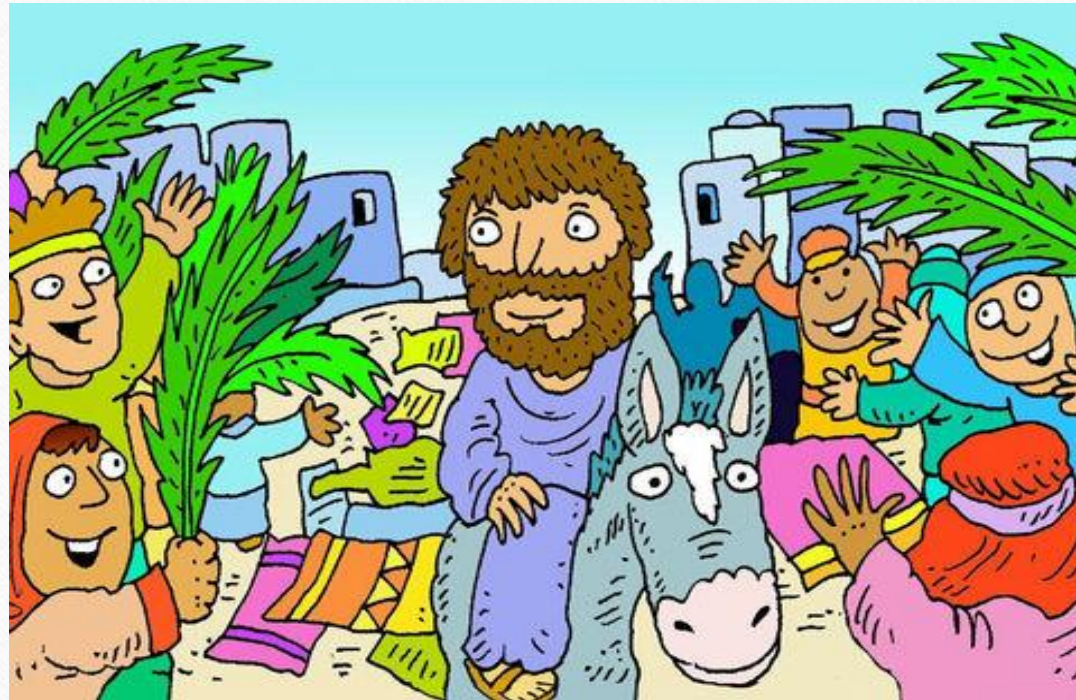
The Disciples Get the Donkey



The Disciples Saddle the Donkey



Jesus Rides the Donkey



People Wave Palm Branches



People Shout, “Hosanna!”



“This Is the Prophet, Jesus”



This Was All Foretold

Matt. 21:4-5:

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‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
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burden.’”

Zech. 9:9:

“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,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The People Messed Up

Palm branch:

- Jewish nationalism
- Desire for political freedom
- Armed rebellion against Rome

Olive branch:

- Peace
- Hope
- Reconciliation and forgiveness

Jewish Coins



Result of People's Failure

- Misunderstood Jesus's purpose and ministry
- Wanted Jesus to lead a military rebellion against Rome
- They turned against Jesus when he did not lead a rebellion
- They betrayed Jesus by shouting, "Crucify him!"
- They missed out on what they really needed and wanted: spiritual salvation

The People Are Celebrating the Wrong Holiday



Psalm 118

Matt. 21:4-5:

“And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

“**Hosanna** to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!”

Ps. 118:24-26a:

“This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”

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Zechariah 14

Matt. 21:1: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to **the Mount of Olives**,

Matt. 21:12: **And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple**, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

Zech. 14:3-4a: Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on **the Mount of Olives**. . .

Zech. 14:21: And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. **And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.**

Did Jesus Set the People Up?

- He sought out the donkey
- He acted out Zechariah 9
- He acted out Zechariah 14
- He did not stop them from shouting Psalm 118
- He knew they misunderstood

Psalm 118 Is a Messianic Psalm

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is **the gate of the LORD**; the righteous shall enter through it. (John 10:9)

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become **my salvation**. (“my yeshua”)

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.** (Acts 4:11-12)

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Journey from Zech. 9 to 14

- The bad shepherds of Zechariah 10-11
 - Jesus is the good shepherd
 - Cursing the fig tree
- Zechariah 11:17 (“woe to my worthless shepherd”)
 - Woes to the Pharisees
- Zech. 12:10: Compassion on Jerusalem when they mourn for whom they have pierced
 - Lament in Matt. 23:37-39 (must say: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”)
- Zech. 13:7 – 14:8: Chastening and delivery of Jerusalem
 - The Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25)

The Two Donkeys



The Problem

Matt. 21:1a-2, 7: Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find **a donkey tied, and a colt with her**. Untie them and bring them to me. . .

. . . They **brought the donkey and the colt** and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

Mark 11:2-4: One donkey

Luke 19:30-34: One donkey

John 12:14: One donkey

Will You Ride Alongside Jesus?

