

# The Last Week Of Jesus' Life - The Triumphant Entry

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## Introduction:

What would you do if you knew you had one week to live? We would probably spend it with loved ones and trying to do important things that must be done. I submit to you the last week of Jesus' life was spent with loved ones and doing some really important things. The events of the last week comprise approximately half of the Gospels. In this lesson we want to look at the first event; The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

### I. EARLIER TRIPS TO JERUSALEM

- A. ***Luke 2*** Jesus teaches in the temple. ***Luke 2.52***
- B. ***John 2*** Jesus cleanses the temple. ***John 2.16,19***
- C. ***John 3*** the conversation with Nicodemus at the Passover, ***John 2.23***
- D. ***John 7. 1-52*** the Feast of Tabernacles, ***v. 6, 30***
- E. ***John 10.22-42*** Feast of Dedication, ***v. 39***

### II. EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE LAST WEEK

- A. ***John 11*** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after 4 days in the grave.
  - 1. At Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem, ***v. 18***.
  - 2. Almost immediately the leaders plot to kill Jesus, ***John 11.53***.
  - 3. There was also a plot to kill Lazarus, ***John 12.10***.

**B. The question of Jesus coming to Jerusalem, *John 11.56ff***

1. Reasons He may have stayed away:
  - i. Fear of death
  - ii. Fear of being ridiculed
  - iii. Fear of rejection
  - vi. Fear of being disgraced
2. Reasons why He came
  - i. To die on the cross, *John 12.27*
  - ii. To face the crowd
  - iii. To be rejected by His own people, *John 1.11*
  - vi. To impart God's grace, *John 12.32, 36*

**III. THE ENTRY – *Matthew 21.1-11; Mark 11.1-11; Luke 19.29-44; John 12.12-19***

- A. Jesus commands the disciples to go to the opposite village and there they will find a donkey.
- B. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem as He approaches, *Luke 19.41*
- C. Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the donkey
- D. The people lay down their clothes and palm branches before Him.
  1. This is one time when Jesus' entry matched their expectations.
  2. As a triumphant General would ride into his city after a great victory.

3. "Whoever has a palm branch in his hand, we know that he is the victor." (Coin of Simon Maccabaeus 141BC)
- E. Quoting ***Zechariah 9.9*** in ***John*** the other gospels take part of ***Isaiah 62.11***.
- F. Hosanna means save now, whether knowingly or unknowingly they were acknowledging Jesus as their Savior, ***Psalms 118.25-26***
- G. Keep in mind this same crowd would be choosing Barabbas over Jesus before the week was over.

#### IV. THE REACTION OF THE JEWISH LEADERS

- A. Tell the people to stop, ***Luke 19.39-40***
- B. They had been unable to disgrace or stop Jesus, ***John 12.19***

#### V. JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD

- A. The Passover Lamb, ***Exodus 12***
  1. The lamb was selected on the 10th of the first month, Nisan.
  2. Male lamb one year old and without blemish, ***v. 5***
  3. To be killed at twilight on the 14th day, ***v. 6***.
  4. To be boiled and not a bone broken, ***Numbers 9.12***
- B. Behold the Lamb of God, ***John 1.29***
  1. The sacrifice that Jesus was to make to be sacrificed on the cross.

2. That takes away the sin of the world, the purpose of the sinless sacrifice.
3. What do you see when you read of Jesus entry into Jerusalem? Victory or defeat? *John 12.16* Jesus overcame sin and died so we can have everlasting life.

**C. On this day not only did Jesus enter into Jerusalem but also the lambs that were to be sacrificed that Passover. It was on Sunday they brought the lamb into Jerusalem.**