

## **Rejoice! God's King and Savior is here! Submit to King Jesus - from Matt 21:1-11**

**Palm Sunday** is about celebration, and expectation. King Jesus *finally* makes His "Triumphal Entry", albeit a bit subdued, into Jerusalem. After years of vainly trying to keep His Messiah-ship secret – "*don't tell anyone*" - Jesus now parades His identity for all to see. This is a powerful announcement: It is time, here I am. We are again confronted with the question: "**who is this?**"

### **Jesus' "Palm Branch Parade" Proclaims His:**

- **Messianic Majesty:** "your King comes"!  
Cloaks, branches (Is. 62:11; 2 Kings 9:13)
- **Surprising Humility:** "on a *donkey*"? (Zech. 9:9)  
A horse later! (Rev. 19:11-16; cf. Phil. 2:4-11)
- **Praise Worthiness:** "Hosanna!" Lord Save! (cf. vs. 15, 16; Jer. 31:7; Lk. 19:37-40)
- **Salvation Has Come!** (Ps. 118:25, 26; Mt. 1:21; Rev. 19:11)  
Not how they expected  
Didn't see it – the prophet (vs. 11)

### **The Point of Jesus' Regal Parade**

- He Paves the Path to His suffering, cross, empty tomb, heavenly throne
- Provoke Praise AND a Reaction: "who is this"? A rival King? Threat to jealous Jews.
- Jesus is Lord! He is God's King, Messiah. (Romans 10:7-13; Phil. 2:1-14)
- Is He *Your King*? Are you in a foolish game of thrones?
- Are you ready for His return? (Rev. 7:9 & 17; 20-22)

### **Matthew 21:1-11 - CSB**

"When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them,

"Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her foal. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once."

This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Tell Daughter Zion, "See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (cf. Is 62:11; Zch 9:9)

The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and its foal; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road.

Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven! (cf. Ps. 118:25-26)

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."