

'For the Joy' - The Triumphal Entry

For the Joy - Daily Devotional

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Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. - *Hebrews 12:2 NIV*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet ⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." - *Matthew 21:1-11 NIV*

“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” - *Zechariah 9:9 NIV*

There are three things we see:

1. Jesus presents himself as Messiah

He fulfils Old Testament prophecy

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He calls himself “Lord”

³ If anyone says anything to you, say that **the Lord** needs them, and he will send them right away.” - *Matthew 21:3 NIV*

“The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’” - *Psalms 110:1 NIV*

2. The people proclaim Jesus as Messiah

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. - *Matthew 21:7-8 NIV*

They spread their cloaks before him .

They shout his praises!

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” - *Matthew 21:9 NIV*

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, **save us**; O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.” - *Psalms 118:24-26 NIV*

3. Jesus accepts their praise of him as Messiah

‘Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” - *Luke 19:39-40 NIV*

The Pharisees object to the people’s praise of Jesus!

Jesus affirms the people’s praise

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How do we respond to Jesus' today?

1) Believe that Jesus is the Messiah

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.” - *Acts 16:31 NIV*

2) Serve him as King

3) Proclaim his praises

“...he made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” - *Philippians 2:7-11 NIV*