

## Matthew 21

## Matthew 21:1-17 - The King's Arrival!

Scriptures:  
Isaiah 46:9-10 -  
Remember the former  
things of old,  
For I am God, and there  
is no other;  
I am God, and there is  
none like Me,  
10 Declaring the end  
from the beginning,  
And from ancient times  
things that are not yet  
done,  
Saying, 'My counsel shall  
stand,  
And I will do all My  
pleasure.'

1 "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and  
came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,

Notes:  
One of the things that makes the Bible so unique and amazing are the prophecies it contains. God knows everything and everything and everywhen (Isaiah 46:9-10). During the final days of Christ's time on the earth He will fulfill many prophecies. And one of the most amazing ones is the one we will look at this morning.

All four gospels include this account.

'two disciples' – unnamed in any of the gospels.

then Jesus sent two disciples,

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Scriptures:

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite

Notes:  
This is a very symbolic act. Jesus walked everywhere He went, except when He traveled by boat. They are only a couple of miles from Jerusalem. Why would He choose this time to ride into Jerusalem? For three and a half years Jesus has been ministering as the Servant Messiah, but He was always also the Messiah King of Israel.

you, and immediately you will find a donkey

tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and

bring *them* to Me.

Scriptures:

<sup>3</sup> And if anyone says anything to you, you

Notes:

Jesus is well known in the area, and it is likely that the owners of the donkeys were supportive of Jesus.

shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and

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immediately he will send them."

Scriptures:

## 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled

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Notes:

which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

Scriptures:

Zechariah 9:9 -

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;  
He is just and having salvation,

Lowly and riding on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Revelation 19:11-13 - Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Isaiah 9:6-7a -

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of His government and peace  
There will be no end...

## 5 *"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King*

Notes:

This event was predicted by the prophet Zechariah hundreds of years earlier (Zechariah 9:9). Most religious teachers taught that this was a messianic prophecy. But what they envisioned was a different kind of Messiah King (Revelation 19:11-13). What God promised them was a Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7a). The donkey was a symbol of peace.

*is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a*

G4239 – gentle,  
meek, mild.

They wanted a warrior king like King David, but Jesus didn't come to overthrow the Roman government.

"As Messiah He would lead a nonviolent revolution, not a nationalist insurrection against Rome, but a religious rebellion against everything inconsistent with complete allegiance to the heavenly King." (Augsburger, 1982) page 225

*donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "*

Jesus riding into Jerusalem the way He did and when He did was a crystal clear declaration that He was the Messiah. Anyone with spiritual eyes could see that and only the spiritually blind didn't.

Scriptures:

<sup>②</sup>6 So the disciples went and did as <sup>②</sup>Jesus

Notes:

commanded <sup>②</sup>them.

Scriptures:

<sup>②</sup>7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid

Notes:

Both mother and colt are brought so that the colt is calmed by the mother's presence. But it is also very symbolic. It was an expression of Christ's humility. It is also miraculous – the colt did not resist being ridden by Christ.

<sup>②</sup>their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them.

Scriptures:

<sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their

Notes:

This event took place on a Sunday, and it is where the idea of Palm Sunday comes from. This is what they do for a visiting king or other royalty.

clothes on the road; others cut down

branches from the trees and spread *them* on

the road.

Scriptures:

Psalm 118:25-26 -

Save now, I pray, O

LORD;

O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

Luke 19:39-44 -

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Isaiah 46:9-10 -

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I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning,

And from ancient times things that are not yet done,

Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,

And I will do all My pleasure.'

<sup>M</sup> 9 Then the multitudes who went before and

those who followed cried out, saying:

<sup>+</sup> *"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He*

G5614 – "Save us, please!"

G2127 - praise, give thanks to, speak well of.

<sup>Δ</sup> *who comes in the name of the LORD!"*

G3686 – (ὄνομα (onoma), ατος (atos))

<sup>Ρ</sup> *Hosanna in the highest!"*

G5310 – highest heaven.

Notes:

The multitude had come for the Passover. It was the most important feast day of the Jewish calendar. It remembers God's deliverance of the Jewish people from four hundred years of bondage in Egypt. Jews all over the world will remembrance the Passover with a Seder meal on April 22, 2024.

At the time of Christ, the Passover was always a time when the Jews remembered God's deliverance and expected the Messiah to come again. It was a hopeful time. There were many in the multitudes that believed Jesus was the promised Messiah. He was, but just not in the way they hoped He would be.

One of the more dramatic prophecies concerns this event, the Triumphal Entry. This event was so important that God told the Jews when it would happen.

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Luke includes the detail of the Pharisees objecting to what the multitude is saying (Luke 19:39-40) and Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44).

'Hosanna' – Is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew words that mean, 'Save now, I pray'.

Scriptures:

10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all

Notes:

the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

G4579 – "to be agitated  
(state) v. — to be or  
become excited,  
charged up, or roused."

Scriptures:

11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the

Notes:

prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."



Scriptures:

12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God

and drove out all those who bought and sold

G1544 -

in the temple, and overturned the tables of

the money changers and the seats of those

who sold doves.

Notes:

Why did Jesus do this? God chose Israel out from the other nations to make them His own special people. But He never meant to exclude them from becoming His people also. His desire is that the whole world would come to worship Him through the Jews. Sadly, the Jews put up barriers to foreigners coming to God. Jesus is dealing with one of those barriers here. The temple had several courts where people could worship. The outer court was for the Gentiles, non-Jews to pray and worship God. An important part of the Jewish religious system was the sacrifice of animals. And according to the law of Moses those animals had to be without defect. A thriving business grew which exchanged imperfect animals for acceptable animals. It was a system that was grossly abused and because it was managed and approved by the religious leaders, they had no recourse but accept the corruption. All of that was taking place in the court of the Gentiles. Imagine the filth and the noise! They had turned the only place in the temple where Gentiles could pray and worship into a den of thieves.

'money changers' – The only that could be used in the temple was the official coins approved by the religious leaders. No coins with a heathen monarch or deity were permitted. This meant that all foreign visitors to the temple had to exchange their coins. It was a common practice for the moneychangers to cheat their clients. It was estimated that Caiaphas the high priest made millions of dollars every year from this scheme.

Scriptures:

Isaiah 56:6-7 -

Also the sons of the  
foreigner  
Who join themselves to  
the LORD, to serve Him,  
And to love the name of  
the LORD, to be His  
servants—

Everyone who keeps  
from defiling the Sabbath,  
And holds fast My  
covenant—Even them I will  
bring to My holy mountain,  
And make them joyful in  
My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and  
their sacrifices

Will be accepted on My  
altar;

For My house shall be  
called a house of prayer for  
all nations.”

Jeremiah 7:11 - Has this  
house, which is called by  
My name, become a den of  
thieves in your eyes?  
Behold, I, even I, have seen  
it,” says the LORD.

13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My

*house shall be called a house of prayer,*’ but

you have made it a *‘den of thieves.’*”

Notes:

Scriptures:

14 Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him

in the temple, and He healed them.

Notes:

First, Jesus cleansed the temple.  
That made a way for those who  
needed healing to get in. Every heart  
need two things, cleansing and  
healing. And often it happens in that  
order. If er humble our heart before  
God and allow the Holy Spirit to  
cleanse of the sin that clings to us,  
then He can heal us and make us  
whole.

15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw

Notes:

The temple was cleansed, much to the displeasure of the chief priests and scribes who benefited from the corrupt practice. And then mass healings are taking place and children are praising God with exuberance. It is all too much for the hypocritical religious people.

the wonderful things that He did, and the

G2297 - marvelous, wonderful, remarkable –  
“wonder n. — something that causes feelings of wonder; often miraculous.”

children crying out in the temple and saying,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

they were indignant...

G23 - incensed, offended, irate – “to be indignant v. — to be or become angered at something seemingly unjust or wrong.”

Scriptures:

Psalm 8:2 -

Out of the mouth of  
babes and nursing infants

You have ordained

strength,

Because of Your enemies,

That You may silence the  
enemy and the avenger.

16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these

Notes:

are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes.

Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of

babes and nursing infants You have

G2675 - produce, arrange, cause to  
happen - "to prepare v. - to make  
ready or suitable or equip in advance  
for a particular purpose or for some  
use, event, or other purpose."

perfected praise'?

Scriptures:

17 Then He left them and went out of the city

to Bethany, and He lodged there.

Notes:

There was point in Jesus continuing to interact with the religious hypocrites. His words were falling on deaf ears.

“To continue preaching to people who had closed their minds to the truth was to increase the condemnation of those who rejected the message.” (Powell, 1986) page 380

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