

“God Exalts His King”
Matthew 21:1-11

I. God arranged the events for the triumphant entry (vs. 1-7).

A. The triumphant entry was predetermined by God:

1. God selected the donkey that Jesus rode into Jerusalem.
2. God’s Word prophesied that Jesus would enter Jerusalem in the way that He did.

B. Just as He did with Jesus’ triumphant entry, God orchestrated the events for Jesus’ crucifixion:

God picked the way of salvation (His Son would die).

God picked the time that it would be fulfilled (the time of Passover).

God picked the place that it would happen (Jerusalem).

God picked the method in which it would happen (a cross).

(Zechariah 9:9; Mark 11:2, 4-6; Acts 2:22-24; Galatians 1:13-14)

II. Jesus entered a humble King, submitted to His Father’s Will (v. 5).

- A. He will be a God-honoring King.
- B. He will have the power over salvation.
- C. He will establish peace for His people.
- D. His Kingdom will be great.

(Psalm 103:19; Jeremiah 1:11-12)

III. The people responded with mixed reactions (vs. 8-11).

1. Many in the crowd had misguided or insincere devotion.

2. The Pharisees had deliberate hostility.
3. Jesus' disciples had unwavering loyalty.

(Matthew 27:20-22; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:39-40; John 12:13, 16, 17-18, 19)

Scripture References and Notes

Mark 11:2

...and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied *there*, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*."

Mark 11:4-6

⁴They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. ⁵Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Acts 2:22-24

²²"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— ²³this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Ephesians 1:3-6

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Philippians 2:6-8

⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Galatians 3:13-14

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— ¹⁴in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Psalms 103:19

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

Jeremiah 1:11-12

¹¹ The word of the LORD came to me saying, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “I see a rod of an almond tree.” ¹² Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.”

John 12:13

...took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”

Mark 11:8

And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

John 12:17-18

¹⁷ So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*. ¹⁸ For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

Matthew 27:20-22

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. ²¹ But the governor said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Crucify Him!”

Luke 19:39-40

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

John 12:19

So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”

John 12:16

These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

John 1:11-13

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.