

The Triumphal Entry

Sermon 60 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 21:1-11; 14-17

I. Introductory Material from John's Gospel -- John 11

To set the stage for Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem

A. The Immediate Effect of Raising Lazarus from the Dead 11:45-54

The Pharisees concluded Jesus was a threat to their authority, and a threat to their entire way of life and decided that Jesus must die.

Caiaphas, the wicked High Priest gave the incredible prophecy recorded by John. **11:49-52.**

B. The Expectancy of the Crowd -- John 11:55-57

C. One Last Brief Stop -- John 12:1-8

D. The Thronging Crowd -- John 12:9-11; 16-19

II. The Triumphal Entry Itself -- Matthew 21:1-11; 14-17

A. Putting the 4 accounts together

1. Jesus gives instructions on procuring the donkey and the colt on Sunday morning.
2. He leaves Bethany, where he spent the Sabbath to take the 2-3 miles trip to Jerusalem.
3. People accompany Jesus from Bethany and the surrounding villages. The news he is coming goes ahead into Jerusalem – where a crowd goes out to welcome him.
4. The group from Bethany and the surrounding area combines with the group from Jerusalem to bring Jesus into the city, where another crowd has gathered in the streets.
5. The entire city is in an uproar – and the Jewish leaders are outraged. **Matt. 21:14-17**
6. The procession stops at the Temple – where Jesus heals many of those in the crowd.
7. Opposition mounts from the Religious leaders and intensifies the next day.

B. Matthew's Account Examined.

III. The Significance of the Triumphal Entry

A. It Proves The King was in Absolute Control

B. Why a Young Donkey? Zech. 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.

C. The Messianic Prophecy of Genesis 49:9-11

Judah *is* a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.
¹¹ Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

This is the prophecy given by Jacob to his sons.
From this prophecy all knew that Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.
Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah! Rev. 5:5

D. The Unknown Owner(s) of the Donkey

E. The King Knew the True Depths of Human Depravity

As Christ entered the city -- who could have imagined that the cheering crowd would soon turn into an angry mob desiring the blood of the precious Son of God?

Application: We have no true comprehension of the depths of sin which each of us are capable. We so easily forget where each of us would be without the restraining grace of God.

The example of Hazeal – 2 Kings 8:12-13

Psalm 76:10 -- "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain." (KJV)

There is hope for our wretched condition.

Every sinner will be received who comes to Jesus Christ by faith, putting their trust in Him.