

The Presentation of the King

Matt. 21:1b–11, 14–17; Mark 11:1b–11; Luke 19:29b–44; John 12:12–19

(JN) The next day, (MT) Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and (MK) as soon as you have entered it (MT) you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her, (MK) on which no one has sat. (MT) Loose them and bring them to Me. (MK) And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ (MT) you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them (MK) here.” So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. But some of those who stood there—(LK) the owners—(MK) said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” (LK) And they said, “The Lord has need of him,” (MK) just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

(MT) They brought the donkey and the colt (MK) to Jesus, (MT) laid their clothes on them, (LK) and they set Jesus on (MK) the colt. (MT) All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

(JN) “Fear not. (MT) Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

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

(MT) And a very great multitude (JN) that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him. (LK) And as He went, (MK) many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (JN) Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”

(LK) Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples (MT) who went before and those who followed (LK) began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: (MT) “Hosanna to the Son of David!

(LK) 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! (MK) Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

(LK) And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and swept over it, 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. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 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."

(MT) And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." (MK) And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. (MT) Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise' ?" (MK) So when He had looked around at all things, (MT) He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, (MK) as the hour was already late, (MT) and He lodged there (MK) with the twelve.

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