

Getting Ready For Easter

Matthew 21:-17

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¹ 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, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, 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, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

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!"

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."-- (NIV)

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." 12 Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

16 "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, " 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?" 17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.-- (NIV)



1. The **Preparation** for the Entry.

A. Jesus Knows It All.

Matthew 21:22 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.-- (NIV)



⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?-- (NIV)

B. Jesus Owns It All.

Matthew 21:3³ If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."-- (NIV) **Psalm 50:12**

12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.-- (NIV)



10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.-(NIV)

C. Jesus Controls It All.

Luke 19:30 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.-- (NIV)

Genesis 16:12

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."--(NIV)

2. The Celebration During the Entry.

Luke 19:37³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:-- (NIV)

A. The Manner of Our Praise.

1.) Let's Praise God Openly Luke 19:39–40³⁹ 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."-- (NIV)

2.) Let's Praise God Loudly.

Matthew 21:99 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!"-- (NIV)

3.) Let's Praise God <u>Joyfully</u>.

Luke 19:37, . . . the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise . . . (NIV)

4.) Let's Praise God Willingly.

Luke 19:37..., the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:-- (NIV)



B. Praise God with Clapping

Psalm 47:1-21 Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! 2 For the LORD Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.--(NLT)

C. Praise God with <u>Amening</u>

Nehemiah 8:66 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.-- (NIV)

D. Praise God with Actions.

John 12:13¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"-- (NIV)

3. The Sanctification After the Entry.

A. The Cleansing That Took Place. Matthew 21:12¹² Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.--

B. The **Cures** That Took Place.

Matthew 21:14¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.--(NIV)

