

Lesson 22

Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-15



Choosing the Passover Lamb—

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the **tenth day** of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Exodus 12:1ff

Holy Week Thursday Passover – 14th Day Holy Week Sunday (Palm Sunday) – 10th Day

Jesus Chose Himself as THE Passover Lamb and presented Himself for sacrifice on Palm Sunday.

By this we know love, that **he laid down his life for us...**

1 John 3:16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him...

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ And when [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"

"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them—they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it— And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road— and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And those who went before and those who followed were

shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Ride on, Ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp ride on to die (TLH 162:5)

- No tramp of soldiers' marching feet
 With banners and with drums,
 No sound of music's martial beat "The King of glory comes!"
 To greet what pomp of kingly pride
 No bells in triumph ring,
 No city gates swing open wide:
 "Behold, behold your King!"
- And yet He comes. The children cheer;
 With palms His path is strown.
 With ev'ry step the cross draws near The King of glory's throne.
 Astride a colt He passes by
 As loud hosannas ring,
 Or else the very stones would cry
 "Behold, behold your King!"
- 3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown. The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring, As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
- Now He who bore for mortals' sake
 The cross and all its pains
 And chose a servant's form to take,
 The King of glory reigns.
 Hosanna to the Savior's name
 Till heaven's rafters ring,
 And all the ransomed host proclaim
 "Behold, behold your King!" (WS 745)

Matthew 21:1-9

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark 11:1-10

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

John

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"



- 1. On Palm Sunday, Jesus presented Himself for sacrifice.
- 2. From a human perspective, the days' events put everything in motion for Jesus' death.
- 3. Hailed as a king, though He didn't look like a king but a king of a different type. This is a truth that would be borne out later in the week before Pilate and in the soldiers' mockery of Jesus. After Pentecost the disciples would fully understand the kind of King Jesus is.