

## Pictures of Christ on Palm Sunday

**Matthew 21:1-17** (Mark 11, Luke 19 and John 12)

Ever seen a picture where it seems to be one thing but when you look closer it is far more or sometimes even totally different than you thought at first?

**The Triumphant Entry of Christ** is like that - far more than we first see.

**Biblical Background** - Why on Sunday before he was to be crucified

**Exodus 12:3 - 5** days before the sacrifice of the Passover lamb it must be identified and set aside fully for the Lord - the exact timing of His entrance.

### I. He came as the King of Kings **1-7**

#### A. He came riding a colt of a donkey

Warriors rode on horses but Kings rode on donkeys

1. Knowledge of colt given
2. The Lord has need of it - borrowed
3. Owners responded as He had said

#### B. Coats draped over it was the homage given to a king

Lacking were the heralds, trumpets, officials of state  
But present were his disciples and a multitude of followers

#### C. The Prophecy fulfilled **Zechariah 9:9**

He came righteous and victorious!

### II. He came as the Savior of the world **8-11**

#### A. They were looking for a savior from Rome

Palm branches were a national symbol - like waving a flag  
Giving homage to anyone but Caesar was treason

#### B. The cried out in victory

Hosanna literally means "save" or "save us"  
It was their cry of praise to God for freedom

#### C. Cries among the shouts **Luke 19:41-44**

Jesus knew the destruction that was coming  
He wept for they misunderstood His coming

#### D. The Prophecy fulfilled **Psalms 118:25-26**

He was indeed coming to save them  
But from sin and not from Rome

### III. He came as the Judge of Truth **12-13**

(Note Judges rode on white donkeys and their sons on colts)

#### A. He cleansed the Temple of those defiling it

Buying and selling - not the problem  
Different money and cheating was  
Took up the court of the Gentiles for business

**Mark 11** notes - house of prayer for all nations

### B. The Prophecy fulfilled

**Isaiah 56:7** these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

**Jeremiah 7:11** Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.

## IV. He came to fulfill God's Plan **14-17**

### A. He came as a healer of all brokenness

1. The blind and lame came and were healed
2. The children sang with joy

### B. He came as a proclaimer of truth

1. The "seeing and whole" saw and heard but rejected
2. They became indignant and commanded silence

### C. The Prophecy fulfilled **Psalms 8:2**

The "seeing" could not see but the children could not be silenced!  
Those who were blind were healed but those who claimed superior sight were still blind to the truth.

#### His Purpose **Isaiah 61:1-3**

He was fitted and qualified for this work:

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,**

He was appointed and ordained to it:

**Because the Lord God has anointed me.**

He was to be a preacher of good news

He was to be a healer **Bind up the broken hearted**

He was to be a deliverer.

**To proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,**

He was to be a comforter,

**to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair**

He was to be a planter

**They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.**

## Do you see Him today?

**As your King** - surrender

**As your Savior** - confess your sins and be forgiven

**As your Judge** - in Him there is no condemnation

**As your Healer and Deliverer**