

The Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11)

The King on a Donkey (v. 1-7)

- Jesus enters Jerusalem with other Galilean pilgrims for the Passover Festival
- He sends for a donkey foal to ride into town on
 - This was an intentional act to signal both His identity and mission based on prophecy (Zec. 9:9)
 - His identity: Israel's promised king
 - The Messiah/Christ
 - His mission: To bring righteousness & salvation to his people
 - His means of accomplishing this mission is through ushering in peace (Zec. 9:10)
 - Which He will do through His covenantal sacrifice (Zec. 9:11)

The Royal Treatment (v. 8-9)

- As Jesus was riding on his 'royal steed,' the crowds recognized Him and called others to come out to meet Him
 - They used language indicating that the thought that He as the promised Messiah (v. 9)
 - Luke translates this for his Gentile readers (Luke 19:38)
- Those who had seen His raising of Lazarus told others of what He had done (John 12:17-18)

Identity Issues (v. 10-11)

- Despite this royal entrance, people still don't know who Jesus is
 - Some seeing Him merely as a prophet
- But Israelites don't give prophets parades
 - They typically killed them
- Many within the crowd that welcomed Him as the promised Messiah would, within a few days, call for His execution

So What?

- Who is Jesus for us?
 - Is He king?
- Are we making that know to the world?
 - Like the prophecies, the crowds, and even the donkey

Meditation Verse: Matthew 21:9