

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Triumphant entry in Jerusalem

21 ¹When they drew near Jerusalem and arrived at Bethphage, on the mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying:

—Go to the village in front of you, and there you will find a donkey tied up with its colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says something to you, say: The Lord needs them but he will send them back immediately.

⁴This happened in fulfillment of what the prophet said: ⁵*Say to the daughter of Zion: See, your king comes to you in all simplicity, riding on a donkey, a beast of burden, with its colt.*

⁶The disciples went as Jesus had instructed them, ⁷and they brought the donkey with its colt. Then they threw their cloaks on its back, and Jesus sat on them.

⁸Many people also spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The people who walked ahead of Jesus and those who followed him began to shout:

—*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, glory in the highest!*

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was disturbed. The people asked:

—Who is this man?

¹¹And the crowd answered:

—This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.

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