

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

Your King is coming

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.



Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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**Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple,
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Psalm 118:26**

Matthew 21:1-11

The Triumphal Entry

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, and 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!”

10 And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

(Read also: Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-38, John 12:12-15)

A Closer Look: See, Your King Comes

A week before His death and resurrection, Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many of the children of Israel were praying for an earthly king. This king would have entered the capital riding a noble steed with trumpets blaring. Jesus came in total humility, riding a lowly donkey. He was announcing to the world that He was the King of Kings.

1. On the day we now call Palm Sunday, how did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah? ~ *Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9*
 - a. What title is used for Jesus in this verse?
 - b. What is the writer's description of Jesus?

2. Think about Jesus as the King of the Universe. Now, think about your problems. Is He powerful enough to handle them? ~ *Since then we have a Great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16*
 - a. What is Jesus called in this verse?
 - b. How do we know that Jesus will understand our problems?
 - c. How can we draw near to the throne of grace? (*We can pray and read the Bible*)
 - d. What is grace? (*Undeserved kindness*)

e. Hosanna means “save us.” Name some times Jesus has “saved” you in your daily life? How did He save you for eternity?

3. King David was one of the mightiest kings of the Old Testament. Read the words of praise David writes of King Jesus. Where is Jesus’ Kingdom? ~ *And David said: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all. 1 Chronicles 29:10b-11*

a. What words of praise does David use for Jesus?

b. If God is so powerful, yet so full of love for us that He would send His only Son to save us, what should our response be? ~ *Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; 30 tremble before Him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!” 1 Chronicles 16:29-31*