

# PORTRAIT OF THE KING

## “The Arrival of the Anointed One” (Matthew 21:1-11)

### INTRODUCTION

- The 70-Weeks Prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27), which began with Artaxerxes’ 2<sup>nd</sup> decree in 444 B.C., gives us a fairly precise date of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry – between A.D. 32-33.
- The Passion Week

Sunday	Triumphal Entry, visiting the Temple
Monday	Cursing fig tree, request from Greeks, cleansing the Temple
Tuesday	Withered fig tree, challenge to Christ’s authority, Olivet Discourse
Wednesday	Arrangements for betrayal
Thursday	Last Supper, Upper Room Discourse
Friday	Betrayal, arrest, trials, crucifixion, burial
Saturday	
Sunday	Post-resurrection appearances

- **KEY POINT:** As Jesus received \_\_\_\_\_, He chose \_\_\_\_\_.

### EXPOSITION

#### I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to enter Jerusalem (vs. 1-5).

- These were ordinary animals.
- Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey fulfills a 500-year old prophecy from Zechariah 9:9-10.
- Other Examples of Jesus’ Humility
  - a) He could do nothing on His own, but needed the Father (John 5:19, 30).
  - b) He came not to do what He wanted but what the Father wanted (John 6:38).
  - c) Jesus told the Jews that His preaching came from the Father (John 7:16).
  - d) Jesus was not seeking His own glory (John 8:30).

- e) Jesus is gentle and lowly, eager to alleviate the burdens of others (Matt 11:29).
- f) Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many (Matt 20:25-28).
- g) Jesus took the form of a house slave and washed the dirty feet of the disciples (John 13:1-20).
- h) While suffering on the cross, Jesus was concerned about the souls of the thieves on either side of Him, the need for forgiveness for His crucifiers, and the care of his mother (John 19).

II. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ as He enters Jerusalem (vs. 6-9).

- *“Hosanna”* – meaning “save, we pray” or “hail”
- *“Son of David”* – Messianic title, but their usage was a political one
- *“Hosanna in the Highest”* – giving the Father glory

III. The crowd is \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus (vs. 10-11).

- These men could now see, spiritually-speaking (Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 6:22-23; John 8:12; II Corinthians 4:4).

## CONCLUSION

- This is a humble entrance, but the way Jesus will return will look far different (Revelation 19:11-21).

## TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Read Philippians 2:1-11. What does Jesus humbling Himself teach us about our own humility before others?
- 2) List 3 areas in your life where pride is “getting the best of you.” Devise a plan to begin weeding out the temptations to glorify yourself and practice humility.
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Humility: A Forgotten Virtue* by Wayne A. Mack and Joshua Mack