

The Path of the Savior

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*The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"** Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your **king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."** So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"* John 12:12-15;19 (NIV)

Following the Path of the Savior

We have the incredible invitation to follow in the steps of the Master.

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps. 1 Peter 2:21

The Servant Pathway

Being truly blessed and happy comes from choosing a life that follows Christ **in obedience to His example.** (John 13:17)

The Path of the Abiding Life

John 15:1-8. Our connection to our spiritual source is our lifeline. The greater the relationship the greater the results.

The Path of the Spirit-enabled Life

John 14:15-18 John 16:5-15

Jesus begins to reveal how things will work in His physical absence from the disciples, He promises to send the helper, the Holy Spirit.

The Pathway of the Love of God

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

The Pathway of the Cross

The cross is the mark of the disciple and the means of discipleship.

*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be **my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.**"* Luke 9:23

Core Point: As the earthly ministry of Jesus comes to a close, He seeks to impart His life example into the life of the disciples. As we apply these lessons we find the power to live significant Christlike lives in Him.

The Triumphant Pathway

For much of Jesus' ministry He urged people to be quiet about who He was. When He healed He told people not to say anything, when He confronted demons who recognized Him as the Son of God He commanded them to be silent. It wasn't time for Him to openly declare Himself as the Messiah. **On Palm Sunday the time had come.** Palm Sunday is recorded in all four gospels.

The Significance of His Triumphant Entry

The passover celebration brought many spiritual pilgrims to Jerusalem and **fueled the fires of spiritual and messianic expectations.** Historians tell us that it was not unusual to have between two and three million people in Jerusalem for the Passover. It's difficult for us 2000 years removed from this event to grasp the mood of that time. **The people were looking for the Messiah,** and Jesus was a likely candidate. The moment was right as He headed to the capital city. The people were excited and ready for a deliverer.

This had been prophesied about by Zechariah over 500 years earlier, *"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.**"* (Zechariah 9:9 ESV)

Hosanna, they shouted. Hosanna. **This Hebrew word means "He who saves."** They were welcoming their King. Although most didn't realize it, they were honoring the King of heaven. **They were honoring the King of kings and Lord of lords.** They were honoring the King that would triumph over death. **They were singing praises to the Lamb of God, who would take away the sins of the world.**

It speaks of His glorious second coming. **Revelation 19:11-16**

In His second coming, Jesus doesn't ride a lowly donkey - He is seated on a white horse. His righteousness is brighter than the sun, but this time He isn't bringing salvation but judgment, not peace, but vengeance and His rule and reign.

His Triumph is Our Triumph!

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere." 2 Corinthians 2:14 ESV

It all begins with you recognizing His Lordship today. **Jesus wants to make a "triumphant entry" into your heart!**

Core Statement: I choose to walk the pathway of the Savior. I will choose a life of service, abiding in Him and enabled by His Spirit. I receive Him as my Lord and Savior and I walk in His triumphant victory as I wait for His return!