

**John 12  
12-16**

**THE DAY**

**JESUS**

**RODE**

**A**

**DONKEY**



## Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied *there*, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.”

## Mark 11:1-10

<sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.

<sup>5</sup> Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission. <sup>7</sup> They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.

# Mark 11:1-10

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<sup>8</sup> And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:

# Mark 11:1-10

“Hosanna!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD;

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the coming kingdom of our father  
David;  
Hosanna in the highest!”

# The Triumphal Entry

A Roman would not see this as a triumphal entry—a soldier had to kill at least 5,000 in order to receive a triumphal entry

The Roman forum has two arches called the triumphal arches; the arch of Titus is still there and you can see the engravings of the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70

# The Triumphal Entry

That day of Jesus' triumphal entry was more significant than anything the Romans could dream up

Jesus had the disciples get a colt that had never been ridden before

He rode a donkey to reveal His identity



# The Triumphal Entry

Zechariah 9:9 Prophecy fulfilled

Revelation 19 Jesus rides a horse

Jesus' first coming: peace

Jesus' second coming: judgment and war

The Lord needs it



# The Triumphal Entry

<sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.’”

"They spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded" (v. 6)

Jesus is teaching them a lesson

Everything was set up in advance

# The Triumphal Entry

They would have been encouraged when what  
Jesus said would happen did happen

Jesus sat on the donkey

**The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton**

When fishes flew and forests walked

And figs grew upon a thorn,

Some moment when the moon was blood

Then surely I was born.

# The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
Of all four-footed things.  
The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,

# The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

But I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;

One far fierce hour and sweet:

There were shouts about my ears,

And palms beneath my feet.

He's imagining what that donkey would have  
thought had he been able to recognize

# The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

"That's God riding on my back. What an awesome moment! You guys can starve me, mock me, because I'm a donkey looking like this, sounding like this---Jesus is on my back---  
yeah!"

"Hosanna" a messianic cry of salvation—"Save  
now Lord!"

## Psalm 118:25 Prophecy fulfilled

O LORD, do save, we beseech You;

O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
the LORD;

In Luke's rendering of this story, Jesus held the  
nation of Israel accountable to know that  
particular day (see Luke 19)

# Psalm 118:25 Prophecy fulfilled

That day was a Sunday—the tenth day of Nissan

It was the day that Jewish homes selected a lamb

That was the day that Jesus was presented

Daniel was given the timing—483 years

(see Daniel 9)

(see also: The Coming Prince

by Sir Robert Anderson)



# Psalm 118:25 Prophecy fulfilled

How exact is God? Why do you get so worried  
about so many little things?

He is exact and He can take care of anything  
that is going on in your life