

Title: The Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21:1-17

Introduction

The Triumphal Entry was a public declaration that Jesus was the Messiah sent by God in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Those who gathered around Jesus shouted their praise and adoration in anticipation of crowning Christ as the King of Israel. But for Jesus, it meant presenting Himself as the Paschal Lamb, cleansing the temple, and offering Himself as the perfect atoning sacrifice for the nation.

1. In these verses, we see Jesus revealed as the sovereign King who has the authority of heaven but comes in _____.
2. As He enters Jerusalem, He is heralded as the coming Messiah who brings _____, and the little children praise him in fulfillment of Psalm 8, the incarnate Son of Man.
3. It would take about a half hour to _____ from Bethany to Jerusalem.
4. The Jewish law required that the evening of the Passover was to be spent within the _____ of the city.
5. During the feasts, they would _____ the city limits to the top of the Mount of Olives but not as far as Bethany.

I. Preparing For The Triumphal Entry (21:1-6)

6. Jesus sent Peter and John to Bethpage to get the _____ for the ride into town.
7. Jesus probably designed this situation to demonstrate His arrangement and _____.

8. Later, the disciples would remember this and other events demonstrating Christ's authority and _____ over all the events leading up to the Resurrection.
9. It's important to realize that Christ was in _____ of the events of His life, not the wicked men or evil times.
10. Matthew repeats the verses from the prophet Zechariah to say that this event fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah given some _____ years earlier.
11. As Zachariah predicted, the Messiah would come "riding on a _____, on a colt, the foal of a _____."
12. In those days, _____ would ride on donkeys, especially in times of peace.
13. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the people are _____ to recognize, even if it's briefly, that He is the coming King predicted by Zechariah.
14. The young, unbroken colt remained calm when Jesus rode it, even during the _____ of the crowd.
15. Not only did Jesus _____ the winds and the waves, but he was also _____ of all nature, including the animals.
16. While both animals were in the procession, Jesus only rode on the _____.

II. The Triumphal Entry (21:7-11)

17. There was a huge _____ that went with Jesus along the way.
18. It was an act of _____, celebrating the entrance of the king.

19. The writings of the Maccabees recognized that spreading _____ along the way was a way of welcoming the king to the city.
20. The words the crowds shouted were those of Psalm _____.
21. The word "hosanna" is the Greek rendering of the Hebrew verb from the Psalm, meaning "_____!"
22. However, in this case, "Hosanna" is an exclamation of _____.
23. They knew He was a prophet and _____ Him as their coming King.
24. They hadn't grasped at all the inevitable _____ of the Messiah.
25. It was difficult for them to see this entry into Jerusalem was not to sit on the throne but to _____ on the cross.
26. Jesus told them that if the people didn't praise Him, the _____ themselves would cry out.
27. Jesus was the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God, who came to save the _____.

Conclusion

28. Since Jesus Christ came to be the Savior and Lord of all people, then every person must _____ Jesus as their Savior and Lord.
29. The message of the triumphal entry is _____; it's a reach out to all those who are interested.
30. We must _____ turn to Him for physical and spiritual healing.

31. In this life or the next, those who trust in Jesus will be made _____ in body, soul, and spirit.

32. Jesus has _____ over life and death, sickness and health, and the natural and the supernatural.

33. There will always be _____ to the message of Jesus.

Some will acknowledge that Jesus was a prophet, but they won't admit that He is God. Some say His death was an example of love but not redemption. Without Jesus, there can be no peace with God, and there can be no hope for peace in this world.

Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It was a triumphal entry because, by it, Jesus begins to fulfill His mission on earth. That mission was to suffer and die as the sacrifice for sin.

Answers

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| 1. peace | 12. Kings | 23. hailed |
| 2. salvation | 13. compelled | 24. suffering |
| 3. walk | 14. excitement | 25. die |
| 4. districts | 15. master | 26. stones |
| 5. extend | 16. colt | 27. world |
| 6. animals | 17. crowd | 28. acknowledge |
| 7. authority | 18. homage | 29. evangelistic |
| 8. control | 19. branches | 30. willingly |
| 9. charge | 20. 118 | 31. whole |
| 10. 500 | 21. Save | 32. authority |
| 11. donkey | 22. deliverance | 33. opposition |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever watched a parade before? How does your perspective on an event change when you are a "bystander" vs. when you are a "participant"?
2. John and Peter must have been shocked to see the animals just as Jesus described. When has Jesus done something shocking for you in your life?
3. What aspects of your walk with Jesus have been most confusing? How has seeing God work in the past helped you to deal with things today?