



# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## New Testament 4

### Law/Gospel

Sin brought death into the world for me and all people. **Jesus, the perfect Son of God, came to be my Savior and King, dying in my place and rising three days later to save me from sin and give me new life in His kingdom.**

### Bible Words

He [Jesus] answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." Luke 19:40

### The Big Picture

Jesus, God's Son, rode into Jerusalem to give us righteousness, salvation, and forgiveness of sins. A large group of disciples walked with Jesus, including many children. They believed Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament messianic prophecies, and they praised God for the great works they saw Him do (Luke 19:37). John adds that at least some of them had witnessed Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 12:17-18). The disciples shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9). *Hosanna* means "Save us now." Spreading garments and palm branches shows honor, respect, and reverence.

## The Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40

**A**t Jesus' Baptism, God declared Him to be the bearer of the sins of the whole world. For three years, He preached, taught, and worked miracles to show the people that the Old Testament promise of the Messiah had come true. Now, in the last week of His earthly ministry, Jesus "set His face to go to Jerusalem" on His way to the cross (Luke 9:51).

Jesus entered Jerusalem from a small town near the Mount of Olives called Bethphage. It was a town near Bethany, where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived.

Jesus did not come into this world to sit on an earthly throne and rule over an earthly kingdom. He did not ride into King David's city to restore King David's earthly kingdom. Jesus' kingdom is not of this world.

Instead, Jesus entered upon a donkey and was followed by a multitude that included the poor, the destitute, and even children. They were people who had been waiting to be rescued from their sins. Many in the crowd believed the Old Testament prophecies that the Messiah would be David's son and would come to them humble, riding on a donkey, as the prophet Zechariah had written, "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" (9:9).

Animals that had not yet been used were especially appropriate for holy purposes. Jesus was not coming with the riches of an earthly king. No, He rode into Jerusalem with the accolades of a messianic, heavenly king, coming to give the people righteousness and salvation, forgiveness from their sins.

### Prayer

*King of kings, prepare in our hearts a welcome fit for You. Keep our eyes on You, that we can rejoice in our Savior and King. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

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