



(Roman coin celebrating victory over Israel 71 AD vs. Jewish coin celebrating victory over Rome 132 AD)

Matthew 21:1-11

- Matt. 21:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,
- Matt. 21:2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.
- Matt. 21:3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”
- Matt. 21:4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:
- Matt. 21:5 “Tell the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”
- Matt. 21:6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.
- Matt. 21:7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.
- Matt. 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
- Matt. 21:9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:
- “Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’
Hosanna in the highest!”
- Matt. 21:10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”
- Matt. 21:11 So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Observations & Discussion

1. Compare what you just read in Matthew 21:1-5 with John 12:16 & Zechariah 9:9. What lessons & truths do you think Jesus was teaching the disciples through their experience with the donkey & colt?

2. Compare our text in Matthew & Zechariah 9:9 with Revelation 19:11-16. Why do you think Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey then, but in the future will ride into Jerusalem on a horse?

3. Think about Jesus' mission during His 1st Advent (compare our text with Luke 2:14 & 19:42). Now think about His mission at His 2nd Advent (Revelation 19:11-16).

A. The first time Jesus entered Jerusalem He came to bring _____?

B. The second time Jesus enters Jerusalem He will bring _____?

4. In verses 8-9 the crowd did some interesting things! Compare their behavior with the scriptures below to discover the significance of their actions!

A. **Clothing** (2Kings 9:13) ~ what do you think the crowd was communicating about Jesus' social status & their relationship to Him?

B. **Palms** (John 12:13, Rev. 7:9 & the coins seen on the front of this paper) ~ what is the significance of the Palm branches waved by the crowds? What do you think the crowd anticipated Jesus would do once he arrived in Jerusalem?

C. **Songs** (Psalm 118:25-26) ~ what is significant about this song sang by the crowds to Jesus?

5. Read Acts 1:9-12 & Zechariah 14:4. What geographical location do these two scriptures have in common with the account of Jesus' Triumphant Entry here in Matthew 21? Why is that interesting?

6. What personal instruction and application can you take away from what you've learned this evening?