

# The Triumphant Entry Of Jesus Christ Into Jerusalem

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**Text:** Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:9-19, Ephesians 5:15-20

**Lesson Reading:** Mark 11:1-11

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**W**hen Jesus knew that His time of departure from the earth was close, He decided to prove his authority as the King of kings. He entered into Jerusalem **triumphantly** as the King of kings. It was God the Father that planned it to be so, and it happened during the time of the feast of Passover that gathered multitude from all parts of the world. God did it this way so that the whole world would see His glory.

Mark 11:1-7, GNB

***As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, tell him that the Master needs it and will send it back at once." So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the bystanders let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on.***

From the above narration by Saint Mark, Jesus demonstrated His Lordship over all creatures. He ordered for a colt to be brought to him and it was done; nobody could oppose His instructions. The colt could be likened to a pleasure car. After bringing the colt to Jesus, He mounted on it, and as Saint Mark reported, many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches of trees in the fields and spread them on the road (Mark 11:8). ***So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting...*** (John 12:13). And as they all went on, with some in front and others behind, they began to shout, ***"Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord!"*** Mark 11:10, GNB.

As the praises went on, people began to wonder, "Who is this man that is being raised above Caesar and King David?" The crowd said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Galilee." When the Pharisees in the crowd saw the glory of God, they became uncomfortable with the situation. So, in an attempt to stop the people from praising God, according to Saint Luke, they said to Jesus, ***"Teacher, command your disciples to be quiet."*** Jesus Christ, replied, ***"I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting,"*** Luke 19:39-40.

### **Jesus Wept Over Jerusalem**

When Jesus drew closer to the city of Jerusalem, He wept over it. He cried over it because of the way the Pharisees did not humble themselves and welcome Him.

Jesus said, ***“If you only knew today what is needed for peace! But now you cannot see it!...”*** Luke 19:41-44, GNB. In other words, Jesus was saying that if they knew what was going to happen to them in the future, they would have known what to do.

It was an opportunity for the city to ask Jesus for help and prayer of safety or security for the city. But instead of doing this, they attempted to stop the disciples and followers who were shouting praises to the Lord.

All their efforts failed and in the presence of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, Jesus Christ, followed by the great multitude, entered into Jerusalem triumphantly – praising God!

## **CONCLUSION**

The victory of Jesus Christ is for all Christians. Now what should Christians do? We must humble ourselves and always ask Jesus to keep us to the end. As wise people, we must be careful so that we don't fall into temptation. We must always give ourselves to God asking Him always to know what He wants us to do (See Ephesians 5:15-20).

I pray God to give you the grace to always seek His face and follow His will for your life in Jesus' name. Amen!