

## Triumphal Entry of Christ - Matthew 21 (p. 907)

Jesus left the glory of heaven and came to earth in human form. How He must have longed for heaven! Yet, He knew the plan was for His atoning *sacrifice*. Thus torn, He approached Jerusalem for Passover one last time.

### A. A King on a Donkey 21:1-7

Prophetic fulfilment of Zechariah 9:9:  
The righteous King comes riding on a donkey and brings *salvation*.

The donkey was associated with Davidic royalty; considered a princely mount. Cf. Lk.19:30- colt which no one has ever ridden; thus suitable for sacred use.

### B. A Cry for Deliverance 21:8-9

The Jews knew they had to be careful about open expressions of rebellion against the Empire! This cry for deliverance carried the threat of treason against Caesar.

Cf. Psalm 118- The gate called Beautiful- also known as the Golden Gate, is located in the east wall of Jerusalem.

The (rebuilt) gate was sealed by Muslim conquerors in 1530 A.D.

Ezekiel prophesied the closure of this gate around 600 B.C. and that the Prince (Messiah) will enter the gate in the future (cf. Ez.44:1-3).

Only through Christ can those with broken bodies, broken dreams, broken homes, and broken hearts experience wholeness of life.

### C. A Demonstration of Zeal

21:10-13

Jesus of Nazareth (cf. John 1:46).

For decades, Jesus had watched men desecrate the Temple with insolence and greed!

Is my desire to worship and serve Him with my best? Or am I just trying to use Him to get more of what I want in life?

Do I prepare my heart for worship through prayer and confession of sin?

Does my worship have a positive impact on the people around me?

Does the fact that millions are dying apart from Christ move me to pray and share the Gospel?