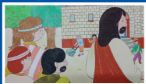


Triumphal Entry

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The Passover holiday of Israel has arrived. The Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites by God under the leadership of Moses from slavery in Egypt. To celebrate the festival of the Passover, everyone gathered at the temple in Jerusalem. Jesus also went to Jerusalem for the Passover, but while many people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, Jesus had another reason.



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“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus, and when they placed their cloaks on it Jesus sat on the colt’s back.

Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, entered Jerusalem in the lowest and most modest manner.



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A very large crowd waved branches cut from palm trees and shouted: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Many people spread their cloaks on the road and greeted Jesus: “Hosanna in the highest!”

The people welcomed Jesus as if He were a king.



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Jesus’ disciples felt proud.

“Wow! Isn’t Jesus handsome! He will soon be king! When Jesus becomes king, I am going to become a minister and help Him! I should be able to take a role by His side, right? Hehe.”

But Jesus knew that the cheers of the crowd would not last forever. Jesus thought of the kingdom of God, not of the glory of the world. Jesus had entered Jerusalem to bear the cross on behalf of all sinners.



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Jesus looked around Jerusalem as he entered the temple. When he arrived at the temple He was surprised for the temple was filled with merchants.

Angered by this sight, Jesus overturned the tables of money changers and the benches of those selling doves and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations! But you have made it 'a den of robbers'!!"

Jesus drove out those who were buying and selling from the temple. Meanwhile, the chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed by his teaching. They believed that interpreting and teaching the word of God was something only they had the power to do.