

Sermon 03-28-10

The Triumphal Entry – The last week (Jn. 12:12-16)

The divinely ordained time had come for Him (12:12, 23; 13:1)

Jn. 10:17-18; 19:10-11

The day the Lord chose to enter Jerusalem fulfilled the Daniel's Old Testament prophecy of the seventy weeks (Dan. 9:24-26).

The day the Lord entered Jerusalem set the time table running so that the Lamb of God (Christ) would be sacrificed on the same day that the Passover lambs were being sacrificed, because He is "**Christ our Passover Sacrifice**" (1 Cor. 5:7; Ex. 12:11). Jesus publicly enters Jerusalem to force the issue of His death. He knew the accolades of the crowds would infuriate the Jewish leaders, and make them all the more desperate to kill Him. God once again used the foolishness and wickedness of evil men to accomplish His own purposes (Gen 50:20; Ps. 76:10; Acts 4:26-28).

The divinely ordained (Large & Great) Crowd (12:9, 12-13)

The people cut down branches for the date palm trees. Palm branches became a general symbol of victory and celebration. They welcomed Jesus as their great messianic King and military conqueror who would liberate them from the yoke of Rome and establish the promises to Abraham and David (Gen. 12:1; 2 Sam. 7:1-16).

"Hosanna!" – SAVE now, I pray (Ps118:25)

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Ps. 118:26)

On Jesus Terms as the one who came to save (Mt. 1:21) not on their terms. This time Jesus had accepted their acclamation, sending them into a frenzy of excitement. They thought they finally had their political and military deliverer.

Jesus was grieved by the people's superficial attitude toward Him. He knew that most who were hailing Him as the Messiah that day would cry for His death the following Friday because they refused to accept the truth about Himself and why he came (Lk. 19:41-44).

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The divinely ordained Mount (12:14-15)

A Colt Donkey - The mount of a humble Prince of Peace (Zech. 9:9). The Lord's choice of mount was a purposeful, conscious fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9. This symbol of humiliation was lost by the crowd. They did not see Him for what he was at that time.

A Horse - The mount of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:11-16).

A divinely ordained time for understanding (12:16)

Not only did the crowd not truly understand what was going on but the "disciples did not understand" until Jesus was glorified.

The disciples did not fully comprehend Jesus first advent was as a savior and not a conqueror.

John 14:26-27; 16:13-14