

Series: Making Much of the Master

## RIDING UPON A DONKEY

ZACHARIAH 9:9, MATTHEW 21:1-11

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### **Zachariah 9:9**

<sup>9</sup> *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

Introduction:

All four gospels give the account of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding upon a donkey.

### **Matthew 21:1-11 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> *And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, <sup>2</sup> Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. <sup>3</sup> And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. <sup>4</sup> All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. <sup>6</sup> And the disciples went, and did as Jesus*

commanded them, <sup>7</sup> And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. <sup>8</sup> And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. <sup>9</sup> And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. <sup>10</sup> And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? <sup>11</sup> And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

### **Mark 11:1-10 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. <sup>3</sup> And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. <sup>4</sup> And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. <sup>5</sup> And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? <sup>6</sup> And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their garments in

*the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.<sup>9</sup> And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:<sup>10</sup> Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

**Luke 19:29-38 (KJV)**

*<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,<sup>30</sup> Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.<sup>31</sup> And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.<sup>32</sup> And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.<sup>33</sup> And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?<sup>34</sup> And they said, The Lord hath need of him.<sup>35</sup> And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.<sup>36</sup> And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.<sup>37</sup> And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;<sup>38</sup> Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.*

**John 12:12-16 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, <sup>15</sup> Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. <sup>16</sup> These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

I want us to look at this story and see what we can learn from this donkey.

# 1. THE SAVIOR IN THIS STORY

This entry will be much different than His return entry.

<b><i>His First Entry</i></b>	<b><i>His Return Entry</i></b>
Riding on a colt	Riding a white horse
He came alone	He will come back with the saints
He wore a crown of thorns	Will wear a royal crown
Called the King of the Jews	We be the King of Kings
He was mocked and jeered	Every knee will bow and confess
He was meek and lowly	Will come in power and glory
He had nails in his hands and feet	Will have a rod of iron in His hand
He hung on a cross	Will sit on a throne
Judged in Pilate's Hall	Will judge the world
Came as a lamb	Will come as a the lion of Judah

# 2. THE SERVANTS IN THIS STORY

- A. The disciples – they fetched the donkey. Not a glamorous job but an important job.
- B. The dedicated that soon were distanced.
- C. The donkey

What lessons can we learn from this donkey?

1. The Lord had a plan for this donkey –the Lord has a plan for each of us.
2. The donkey went where he was led (this donkey had never been rode, but the Lord has this effect on people)
3. The donkey’s position made Jesus more visible. When we humble ourselves, Christ becomes more visible. Jesus didn’t choose the proud prancing horse. Nothing about the donkey took away from Jesus.

Close

To live as the donkey we must recognize that God is requesting our service. And as we humble ourselves in that service others can see the Lord more clearly.

Though our Savior was on His way to the cross, He has risen from the dead and He is soon coming back King of Kings and Lord of Lords.