

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21: 1-17

Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19: 28-48

When Jesus and the disciples were nearing Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives, he told two disciples, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it to me. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back, immediately.’”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing untying this colt?”

The disciples replied, “The Lord needs it.” And they allowed them to take it.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.

Jesus answered, “Truly, I tell you, if these were silenced, the very stones would shout out.”

As Jesus came near and saw Jerusalem, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you. They will hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another. All because you did not recognize when God visited you.”

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out those who sold and bought there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and those selling pigeons. He said, "It is written

My house shall be a house of prayer,

But you have made it a den of thieves.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw these wonderful things that he did, and they heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were angry.

They said to Jesus, "Do you hear what these are saying?"

Jesus replied, "Yes, have you never read

Out of the mouths of infants and babes you have prepared praise.

And leaving them, Jesus went out of the city to Bethany and he lodged there.