

# **Matthew 21:1-11**

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**Intro** -

## **1. The Parade Ride**

**Zechariah 9:9** - Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, *your king comes to you*, righteous and having salvation, humble and *riding on a donkey*, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Matthew 21:1** - Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you'll find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he'll send them.”

**Matthew 17:27** - [Jesus said to Peter] "Go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you'll find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for My tax and yours."

**Isaiah 55:8-9** - “For My thoughts aren't your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

**Mark 11** - Jesus said to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you'll find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, '*The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.*'"

This is a constant law of God's world. "Give, and it shall be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, *it shall be returned to you.*" Lend your boat for an afternoon to Christ that it may be His floating pulpit, and He'll return it to you laden with fish. Place your upper room at His disposal for a single meal and He'll fill it and the whole house with the Holy Spirit. Place in His hands your barley loaves and fish, and He'll not only satisfy *your* hunger, but thousands of others and add twelve baskets full of fragments.

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**Revelation 19:11** - I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. (Jesus) With justice He judges and makes war.

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## 2. The Parade Reason

**Luke 19:41-44** - As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "If you had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it's hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you, encircle you and hem you in on every side. They'll dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They won't leave one stone on another, because you didn't recognize the time of God's coming to you."

The things Jesus said would happen, happened in 70 A.D.

- **General Titus and the Romans came**
- **they built a barricade around the city**
- **they attacked the city for 143 days**
- **they killed 600,000 Jews**
- **they took thousands captive**
- **they destroyed the Temple and finally they destroyed the city**

**Daniel 9:25-26** - "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens... And after the sixty-two sevens Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.

483 x 360 = 173,880 days.

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If you start at March 5, 444 B.C. and go forward 173,880 days you arrive at March 30, 33 A.D.--the exact day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem that's described here in Matthew 21.

**The Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.**

**Colossians 1:20** - Through Him, God reconciled all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, *by making peace through His blood*, shed on the cross.

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### **3. The Parade Response**

**v.16** - "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked Him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "haven't you read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

- **Jesus didn't back down.**
- **Jesus didn't become combative.**
- **He reasoned with them from scripture.**
- **He reminded them of what Psalm 118 said.**

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**1. They obeyed even when they didn't understand.**

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**John 12:15** - "See, your King is coming, seated on the colt of a donkey." At first His disciples didn't understand all this.

**Hebrews 11:8** - It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went even though he didn't know where he was going.

**Del Fehsenfeld, Jr., founder of Life Action Ministries said:** *“Partial obedience, delayed obedience and surface obedience to impress others aren't acceptable to God. God is looking for men and women who'll respond with instant, complete, wholehearted and joyous obedience each time He speaks. In order to experience revival, most of us don't need to hear more truths; we simply need to obey that which we already know.”*

**Elisabeth Elliot:** *“Because God is God, He's worthy of my trust and obedience. I'll find rest nowhere but in His holy will, a will that's unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what He is up to.”*

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## **2. They willingly gave without being asked.**

**Vs. 7** - They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road.

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## **3. They praised even when others didn't.**

*How do you show that you're a follower of Jesus Christ?*

- **obey even when you don't understand**
- **willingly give**
- **praise even when others don't**

*What can you give Him?*

- **Ears to listen to what He says.**
- **Feet to go where He directs you to go.**
- **A will to obey what He commands.**
- **Possessions to share; demonstrating His love.**
- **Lips to proclaim His praise**

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