

From Joy to Sorrow

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Friend of Jesus / Triumphal Entry / Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:29–44; John 12:12–19

One of the most peculiar stories about Jesus is the triumphal entry. Jesus comes greeted by the cheers and worship of the crowd. Oddly, Jesus knows this excitement doesn't last and he ends up crying for His rejection. By the end of the week the crowd is cheering again, but this time it is the word, "Crucify him, Crucify him."

- Beginning of Passion Week

Triumphal Entry

- Joy to Sorrow
 - The day,
 - The week.

[Matthew 21:1](#) (ESV)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives...

- Bethany
- Bethphage
- Mount of Olives
- Jerusalem

Mark 11:2-3 ESV

and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’ ”

- What faithful owners
 - people of faith.
- Mark also includes
 - that interaction.

Mark 11:4-6 ESV

And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you

doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.

- They trust
 - promise to return.

The Prophecy

- All 4 gospels
- Matthew says,
 - donkey and foal come
 - not clear which one he rides.
- John and Mark is clear:
- Mark:

Mark 11:7 ESV

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

- Why does this matter?
 - Colt or mother donkey?

Matthew 21:4 ESV

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

- What prophet?

[Zechariah 9:9](#) (ESV)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- **Exact fulfillment**
 - prophecy says foal...
- Fulfillment of Prophecies
 - Some 1st Coming
 - Some 2nd Coming

- Jesus knows which is which.

Context

- Passion Week
 - John's Chronology
- Previous Chapter?
 - John Chapter 11?
- Last healing
 - before passion week:
 - Raise Lazarus

End of chapter...

John 11:53–55 ESV

So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.

- Large Crowds
 - travel for passover.
- Jesus avoiding them.
 - crowds trying to find Jesus.
 - Millions?
 - 2,500,000 - Josephus
- John Chapter 12

John 12:1-2 ESV

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table.

- People traveling

Bethany location

- 2 miles away.
- By contrast
 - Capernaum
 - 120 miles
- Bethany is there....
- People passing through
 - heard stories
 - want to see.
- Mary anoints Jesus
 - says it is for burial.

- After anointing:

John 12:9-11 **ESV**

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the

dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

- What is creating crowds?

- Lazarus

- This is context!

- Crowds gathering
 - people believing
- Pharisee Angry
 - plotting to kill

- John adds:

John 12:17–19 ESV

The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

- Everything Poised

- Ready

- Climax
- Confrontation

The Singing

- Continue...
 - story gets better:

Matthew 21:7-9 ESV

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

- Huge crowds.
 - recognize symbol
 - foal of donkey!
 - Our King!!!
- Crowds:
 - laying down clothes

- palm branches
 - singing
 - praising Jesus
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- Anointing of King!?!
 - In Mark:

[Mark 11:10](#) (ESV)

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

In Luke:

[Luke 19:38](#) (ESV)

saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

- People say:
 - King
 - Kingdom
- Anointing!?!

The Frenzy

- Pharisees there.
 - try to stop it.

Luke 19:39 ESV

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

- Jesus simply answers:

Luke 19:40 ESV

He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

The Crying

- Title of sermon
 - From Joy to Sorrow
 - to this point
 - complete joy
 - excitement
 - praise

- Suddenly,
 - discordant note
 - doesn't fit
 - suddenly awkward

Luke 19:41–42 ESV

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

- Crowd excited
 - crowd ready
 - triumphal entry
 - take city
 - anoint king
- Jesus knows
 - not happening
- Ahead
 - not joy
 - sorrow

- pain
- For:
 - him
 - disciples
 - eventually Jerusalem
- Kinda awkward moment
 - people trying to celebrate
 - rain on parade
- Crowd won't stop
 - they want king!!!
 - parade goes on...

The Entry

Matthew 21:10–11 **ESV**

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

- Everyone excited...
 - proceed to temple...
- But nothing happens
 - no crown
 - no coronation
 - no inauguration
 - nothing
- Story just stops
 - right there...
 - abruptly.
- Kinda a cliff hanger
 - Does he become king?
 - Do priests stop it?
- Un-climactic ending...

Mark 11:11 ESV

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Lesson

- What can we learn?
 1. Don't get caught up with the crowd.
 2. Don't force your will on God.
 3. What will happen will happen.