

## Jesus' Triumphant Entry

**John 12:12-16 (NLT)** - <sup>12</sup>The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors <sup>13</sup>took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:<sup>15</sup> "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt." <sup>16</sup>His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to John 12:12-16, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "**Jesus' Triumphant Entry.**"

**Some say that depression is a natural response to adverse events or circumstances in our lives.** It may seem that way in your life at the present time, but does anybody know that trouble don't last always. You have the authority and the power to make a choice. Did you know that you can choose not to be depressed or in a lowly state. You can do this by finding your joy in the Lord instead of living "High" one day and "Low" the next. In the stock market that process is a term known as volatility. It rises and falls often. You can choose to live by faith instead of letting the circumstances of life dictate how you feel. Maybe you feel like you've been pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord can make a triumphant entry into your life. There are a few principles that I'd like to share with you today to assist you in this process.

**Welcome the Lord Jesus into your life** - It's not God's will for you to be discouraged, down, and depressed. You have a choice. A choice to be joyful even in the middle of the most difficult situations. As we approach Palm Sunday, I'd like to remind you of Jesus' triumphal entry. "The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13) *The term triumphant means having won a battle or contest; victoriously.* Not only did Jesus make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but He desires to make a triumphal entry into your heart and into your life. Have you taken a moment to give the Lord some praise? Psalms 150 says "Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Take the opportunity to welcome the Lord Jesus into your life.

**Wait patiently on the Lord** - Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt." (John 12:14-15) This was the fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus is truly the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. Continue to wait patiently on the Lord to provide direction in your life. The psalmist said, "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord." Anybody have a new song? Anybody have a new shout? As you wait and trust in the Lord, He will deliver you and bring you through the storm and through the rain. He is our King and our counselor.

**Blessings are on the way** – Jesus' disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. (John 12:16) Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. (1 Pet.4:12-14)

In closing, welcome the Lord Jesus into your life. Wait on Him – your blessings are on the way. Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. You may be going through a battle, please understand that the battle is not yours; it is the Lords. Jesus has already won a battle and is victorious. He desires to be Lord of your life. You have a choice. Choose today whom you will serve. *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* (Romans 10:13) Make your declaration "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Hosana, Blessed be the Rock of My Salvation.