

Palm Sunday 2018
March 25, 2018

Pictures:

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| 1 Wide view from Mt of Olives | 7 Golden Dome |
| 2 Eastern Gate from Mt | 8 Wailing Wall |
| 3 City Wall from street | 9 Wailing Wall 2 |
| 4 Eastern Gate from street | 10 Back side of Eastern Gate |
| 5 Temple Mt area | 11 Line from EG |
| 6 Columns from Solomon | 12 Eastern Gate to Zion |

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:1-11

The triumphal entry on Sunday had begun outside Jerusalem's East Gate, where a multitude followed Jesus into the city and another large group came out of the city to meet Him and then led the way before Him, spreading clothes and palm branches in the road as they went.

His coronation processional into Jerusalem the day before was marked by simplicity rather than pomp and by humility rather than splendor. He had come not to reign but to die, not to be crowned but to be crucified, and not for the purpose of delivering Israel from the power of Rome but of delivering all men from the power of sin.

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" Matthew 21:12-13

1 Jesus is On a Mission

"Judgment must begin at the house of God." 1 Peter 4:17

Christ came first of all to deal with men on a spiritual level. He came to throw out the corrupt and the profane – to turn us back to righteousness.

2 Jesus Has Authority

"The noise of this court of the Gentiles was terrific. Merchants shouted from their stalls to the customers, noisy, haggling, pushy pilgrims jostled one another for position. The incredible din was heightened by the constant bawling of livestock, The aroma of the livestock, accentuated by the enclosure, made it like a county fair and the Stock Exchange all rolled into one." [R. Kent Hughes. Mark: Jesus, Servant and Savior. Vol II (Westchester, Illinois: Crossway Books, 1989) p. 87]

He wouldn't allow anybody to carry any vessel through the temple Mark 11:16

3 Jesus Uses Scripture

"He said to them, It is written." And then He quotes Isaiah 56:7, "*My house shall be called the house of prayer.*"

And He says to them "*But you have made it a den of robbers,*" from Jeremiah 7:11.

4 Jesus Shows Compassion

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Matthew 21:14

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6:19