

When Jesus Comes to Town

Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “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.’” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!” 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

I. Ever since He was a child, Jesus would come to town to Jerusalem each year to **celebrate** Passover. Luke 2:41 (TLB) says, *“When Jesus was twelve years old, he accompanied his parents to Jerusalem for the annual Passover Festival, which they attended each year.”*

However, on this trip Jesus came to town to be **slain** as the Passover lamb for the forgiveness of our sins. Matthew 16:21 (GNT) says, *“From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, “I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life.”*

As we celebrate the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us when He came to town, you and I are to be a **living sacrifice**.

Romans 12:1 (NIV) says, *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”*

II. When Jesus comes to town, He may **ask** us to do something that doesn’t make sense (Vs. 1-3)

When Jesus comes to town, He is doing so to **fulfill** the prophetic word that was spoken of long ago. Matthew 21:4 says, *“This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet”*

No matter how **long** it’s been since a prophetic word was spoken over us, Jesus will fulfill it when He comes to town.

Isaiah 55:11 (CEV) says, *“That’s how it is with my words. They don’t return to me without doing everything I send them to do.”*

III. When Jesus came to town the people **worshipped** Him.

Matthew 21:9 (NIV) says, *“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 came to town, the city got **stirred**. (v.10)

How will you **respond** when Jesus comes to town?