

Journey Church Hawaii (Kapolei Campus)
When the King comes to town...
Matthew 21:1-6; Ephesians 2:10; Esther 4:13-16
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The Story of Palm Sunday:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

When the king comes to town, will you (Matthew 21:1-11):

- Withhold nothing that he needs
- Willingly submit to his Kingship
- Witness to others

Some things to note about the donkey in this story:

- Donkeys are animals of peace.
- In contrast, horses were animals of war. If this were a true “Triumphal Entry”, Jesus would have ridden a horse, but the principles of the kingdom are not earthly.

Palms

- Symbolic of righteousness (Ps. 92:12)
- Branches are symbolized victory.

Fulfilled Prophecy

- This story fulfills the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9.
- The implication is that Jesus is the Messiah
- It is similar to a conquering king riding into a city on a war horse to let the people know who their new ruler is. Except Jesus does it in peace.
- The phrase Son of David is a messianic name taken from Psalm 118:25-26.
- Hosanna which means “Save us” is a cry of submission to the Lord.

The Lesson of the Donkey- *When the King comes to town, what will you offer Him?*

The Lord requests (and requires) things from us. Are we listening and willing to sacrifice and obey? (Ephesians 2:10)

Obedience always has a cost.

- We decide to answer the call of God.
- We can choose not to obey, and the Lord will go to someone else. But we will not receive what the Lord has planned for us.
- The cost can be greater than we expect.

A Testimony from a recent Gathering in Japan.

<https://youtu.be/A9qpBZH3TvU?t=9284>

The Spiritual Principle of Esther (Book of Esther)

- If we are pleasing to the Lord, He is willing to grant our request.
- But will we go beyond our needs and seek the Lord's needs?
- As we do that, we open the Lord's heart for deeper and greater things.

So in this week before Easter, what will you offer the Lord?

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/make-the-most-of-holy-week>