

The Triumphal Entry

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I. Introduction.

- A. The triumphal entry happens at the climax of Jesus' ministry.
- B. The disciples expected that the kingdom would arrive at that time.
- C. However, the people did not recognize who He was.
- D. The triumphal entry and the temple cleansing cannot be separated.

II. The triumphal entry.

- A. Jesus came from Bethany—a house of “unripe” fruit.
- B. This event is a fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9.
- C. By coming on a colt, Jesus came in meekness and humility.
- D. Jesus' arrival also symbolized peace unlike in Revelation 19.
- E. The disciples brought two animals, but Jesus only rode one animal.
- F. Jesus is treated as a king by their actions and by their words.
- G. The whole city of Jerusalem was out to meet Jesus; however, these people were mobs that wanted a king but did not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. (Matthew 2)

III. The temple cleansing.

- A. The Lord had to cleanse immediately the temple at His coming. (Malachi 3:1)
- B. This is the second of the Lord's temple cleansings.
- C. This took place in the temple precincts.
- D. The men were profiting off God. (Jeremiah 26)
- E. Jesus abandoned those people He offended who were praising Him outside. (Psalm 8:2)

IV. Application.

- A. If God can use a donkey He can use anyone.
- B. When the spiritual is out of line, everything else is also out of line.
- C. There is danger letting anything profane enter into what was spiritual.

D. One can learn many things by a child's reaction.

E. People do not believe because they will not believe.

Application questions:

1. What did Jesus' triumphal entry tell the people about Him?

2. How was the temple cleansing of Jesus linked to prophesy?

3. What are some other ways that the church has allowed what is profane to enter into it? What needs to be done about this?
