

May 4

## *The Lowly King Triumphs over Haughty Pharisees*

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Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King comes to you! He is righteous, and having salvation;  
lowly, and riding on a donkey – Zechariah 9:9

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[Luke 19:29-40, into Jerusalem] *On the next day, it happened, when he drew near to Bethsphage and Bethany, at the mountain that is called Olivet, he sent two of his disciples, saying, "Go your way into the village on the other side, in which, immediately as you enter, you will find a donkey tied, and a colt tied with her, whereon no man ever yet sat. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say to him: 'The Lord needs it.' and immediately he will send him back here."* All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
behold, your King comes to you,  
humble, and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey." [Zechariah 9:9]

Those who were sent went away, and found *a colt tied at the door outside in the open street* just as he had told them, *and they untied it*. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." *And they let them go*. They brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the colt, and set

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Jesus on them. As he went, they spread their cloaks in the way, *and others were cutting down branches from the trees*. As he was now getting near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen, and *a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, and cried out, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [Psalm 118:26] the King of Israel! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"*

Some of the Pharisees from the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

He answered them, "*I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out.*" [Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-10, John 12:12-15]

1. Imagine being a disciple, the colt's owner, the crowd, or a Pharisee; how would you feel?
2. How are you like a Pharisee now? How can you be more like the owner, or the colt itself?
3. Jesus, no one who praised your entrance came to save you on the cross, but today I will...