

The King Comes to Jerusalem

21 When they came near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him. **2** He said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you. You will find a donkey tied there and a colt with it. Untie them, and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them. That person will send them at once."

4 This happened so that what the prophet had said came true:

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"Tell the people of Zion,
'Your king is coming to you.
He's gentle,
riding on a donkey,
on a colt, a young pack animal.' "

6 The disciples did as Jesus had directed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and put their coats on them for Jesus to sit on. **8** Most of the people spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowd that went ahead of him and that followed him was shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar. People were asking, "Who is this?"

11 The crowd answered, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."