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The triumphal entry
Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:16-19; Luke 19:36-40

It was Passover time. Jerusalem was filled with people. When Jesus reached the Mount of Olives, a hill overlooking Jerusalem, He told two of His disciples to find a donkey.

They found the donkey and put their cloaks on it. Jesus rode on the donkey, fulfilling the Bible verse that says, "Here comes your King, Jerusalem, riding on a donkey."

Jesus rode the donkey down to Jerusalem. Many people remembered His miracles and joined Him. They put cloaks and palm branches on the road before Jesus to honour Him.

They hoped that Jesus was God's promised Saviour. So they shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

"The whole world is following Him," the Pharisees grumbled. "Tell them to be quiet, Jesus!" "Even if everyone stopped shouting," Jesus replied, "the stones would still praise Me!"