

**Bible Reading**  
**John 12:12-16**

## Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it,  
as it is written:

15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey's colt."

16 At first his disciples did not understand all  
this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they  
realize that these things had been written  
about him and that these things had been  
done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"



# Following the Rider on the Donkey

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FOLLOWING THE RIDER ON THE DONKEY

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# JESUS ON A DONKEY

- Donkey:
  - Low, not impressive...
- Horse:
  - High – still used by police, fast..
  - *But: Deuteronomy 17:16; Isaiah 31:1*
- Fulfilling prophecy
  - Zechariah 9:9; 4:6



# RIDER ON THE DONKEY IS HUMBLE

1. Jesus is gentle and humble in heart
  - Matthew 11:29
2. Washed the feet of the disciples
  - John 13:5
3. Scorned the shame of the cross
  - Hebrews 12:2





# DONKEY EXCHANGED FOR A WHITE HORSE

*'I saw heaven standing  
open and there before  
me was a white horse,  
whose rider is called  
Faithful and True'  
Revelation 19:11*

RIDER REMAINS HUMBLE  
Isaiah 57:15



# BIBLICAL HUMBLENESS

1. Importance of humbleness:
  - OT: Numbers 12:3; Proverbs 15:33 and 18:12
  - NT: Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 5:5
2. False humility
  - Harsh treatment of the body: Colossians 2:18, 23
  - Self-degrading humility
  - Leads to pride
3. Jesus' humbleness in Philippians 2:6-8
  - Focus on mankind
  - Not concerned about status
  - Emptied Himself