

**Theme: THE TRUMPHAL ENTRY**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 21:8-9* “And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest”.

**Texts: Mathew 21:1-11; 2 King 9:13; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-18**

In fulfilment of prophecy, Jesus rode an ass into Jerusalem. His choice of an ass shows His meekness and humility. The owner of the ass and colt released them for Christ’s use. God’s ownership over us is twofold; He created and redeemed us. Therefore redeemed and blood-washed, children of God must voluntarily submit themselves and all that they have to Him for “the Lord have need of them” in His service. On this occasion, the multitudes honoured Christ.

Saint John’s account included the fact that the people took branches of palm trees with them. This indicated their acceptance of Christ’s Kingship. It was similar to the reverence shown to Jehu after he was anointed king over Israel. Jesus entry into Jerusalem created no little stir. The people’s remark that Jesus was the prophet of Nazareth reveals His three fold office- He is our High Priest, Prophet and King.

When the Jews welcomed Jesus with shouts of “Hosanna”, they anticipated the overthrow of the Roman rule in Israel. The picture of Jesus they had in mind was that of a political, conquering Messiah who would unseat the Roman government. According to their expectation, He would then establish His own reign, making Jerusalem the headquarters. It was clearly evidence from Jesus life and ministry that His mission did not meet the Jew’s expectation. Christ came rather to overthrow Satan’s hold on the lives of men. He came to establish God’s kingdom in the hearts of men. Today, many come to Jesus expecting that he will deal basically with their physical and material needs. While Jesus is willing and ready to do this, He is more interesting in the redemption of man from sin. Churchgoers must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness before all other things can be added unto them.

<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>		
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING.</b>
<b>MON.</b>	<b>Lev. 3</b>	<b>Rom. 4</b>
<b>TUS.</b>	<b>Lev. 4</b>	<b>Rom 5.</b>
<b>WED.</b>	<b>Lv. 5</b>	<b>Rom. 6.</b>
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>Lv. 6</b>	<b>Rom. 7</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>Lv. 7</b>	<b>Rom. 8</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>Lev. 8</b>	<b>Rom. 9</b>
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>Lev. 9</b>	<b>Rom.. 10</b>