

The Donkey And The Palms
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

--Matthew 21:1-11

Two of the symbols we associate with Palm Sunday:

1. The _____.

Jesus and His disciples "drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage."
--Matthew 21:1

"They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them."—Matthew 21:7

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"
--Matthew 21:5

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" --Matthew 21:9

Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." And he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. --1 Kings 1:5

H...He was also a very handsome man, and he was born next after Absalom—1 Kings 1:6

Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" And all the people went up after him, playing on pipes, and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by their noise.

--1 Kings 1:39-40

"...he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him."--Isaiah 53:2

2. The _____

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. --Matthew 21:8

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. --John 12:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. --Hebrews 4:16