

Bible Verse: Matthew 21:9b (NIV)

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

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

Today Christians all over the world - grownups and children- are hearing the same story. It is the story we all remember on Palm Sunday.

The Palm Sunday story happens just a week before Good Friday and Easter. Jesus knows that he will be dying on earth soon, He knows that he needs to remind people who he is.

So Jesus and his disciples plan a fancy and memorable way for Jesus to enter the city of Jerusalem. With God’s help, they create a little parade. First, Jesus tells two of his disciples to go to a certain house to find a donkey colt. Jesus tells the disciples that if anyone tries to stop them, to say “The Lord needs it and will return it.” So the disciples find the donkey colt and say that Jesus needs it, and they come back with a donkey. They put their coats on the donkey to give Jesus a seat to ride on. They put other coats and tree branches onto the ground to make a path for Jesus to enter the city of Jerusalem. As Jesus rides into the city, crowds gather to see him. They wave palm leaves and lay them down on Jesus’ path. They are especially excited because there have been predictions that the Messiah, the Son of God, would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey colt. Now they are watching it with their own eyes.

The crowds are shouting:

“Hosanna ! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord ! Hosanna in the Highest Heaven !”

There is so much noise that it seems like even the rocks and trees are shouting for Jesus. So a lot of people know that Jesus has entered Jerusalem. He visits the Temple and spends a few days with his disciples and friends.

Jesus knows his suffering is coming soon, and he is getting ready.

Wonder Question: How do you think Jesus felt, with this jubilant celebration, when he knew soon he would be put to death?

