

A Harmony of the Gospels (NLT)

Matthew 21:1-11

As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them." This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.'" The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!" The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Mark 11:1-11

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'" The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!" So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Luke 19:29-42

As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes."

John 12:12-19

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt." His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. 19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"



April
13
Sunday

Matt 21:1-11 • Mark 11:1-11 • Luke 19:28-44 • John 12:12-19
Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to great fanfare in what we call the triumphal entry. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem.

April
14
Monday

Matt 21:12-19 • Mark 11:12-19 • Luke 19:45-48
Jesus curses a fig tree without fruit. He throws dishonest money changers out of the temple.

April
15
Tuesday

Matt 21:20-27 • Mark 11:20-33 • Luke 20:1-8
The disciples notice the withered fig tree and Jesus uses it as an object lesson to have faith in God. He spends the rest of the day teaching through parables and preaching on the Mount of Olives.

April
16
Wednesday

Matt 26:1-25 • Mark 14:1-11 • Luke 22:1-6 • John 11:47-53
The chief priests and religious lawyers begin actively planning to kill Jesus. Judas agrees to betray him.

April
17
Thursday

Matt 26:20-75 • Mark 14:17-72 • Luke 22:14-65 • John 13:1-30, 18:1-27
Jesus and His disciples share a passover meal in an upstairs room. He predicts that one of His disciples will betray Him and Judas leaves. Jesus comforts the remaining disciples. Later he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas approaches and betrays Him. The other disciples eventually flee.

April
18
Friday

Matt 27:1-60 • Mark 15:1-46 • Luke 22:66-23:54 • John 18:28-19:42
Jesus endures what is essentially six trials in a 24 hour period. The crowd demands crucifixion, and Pilate hands Him over. Jesus dies quickly, giving up His Spirit willingly, and He is placed in a tomb.

April
19
Saturday

Matt 27:62-66
The Jewish leaders request additional security for the tomb. Extra guards are stationed and the tomb is sealed.

April
20
Sunday

Matt 28:1-15 • Mark 16:1-8 • Luke 24:1-35 • John 20:1-18
Early the next morning, as several women approach the tomb to honor Jesus' dead body with fragrances, they can't find him. He is alive!