

"Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here" (Luke 19:30)

An Unlikely Vehicle

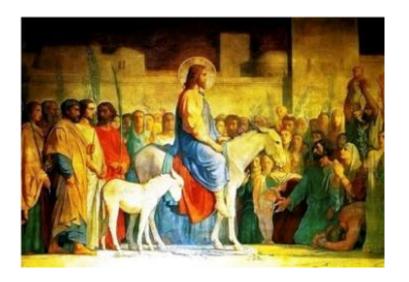
Hosanna Sunday 2016

The Prophecy

• "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zach. 9:9)

The Donkey and Colt

- o"...going up to Jerusalem." (Lk. 19:28)
- Both were used



Notable Characteristics of a Donkey

- Strong
 - Samson (Judg. 15)
- Obedient and faithful
 - Balaam's donkey (Num. 22)
- Loyal
 - Guarding the corpse of the man of God (1 Kings 13)

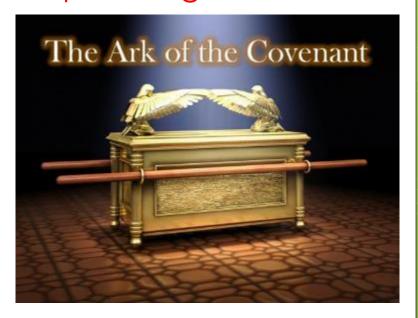


Carry God's Presence

 "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

(2 Cor. 2:15)

- Ark of the Covenant
- Holy Spirit on the Lord
 Jesus and at Pentecost



Young and Untrained

- "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat." (Mk. 11:2)
- The Lord Christ needed a teachable vehicle



No Physical Uniqueness

 God doesn't demand special features or abilities in order to carry His life-giving message to the world.



The Colt was Tied

- "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it." (Mk. 11:2)
 - Law regarding the firstborn
 - "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb..." (Exo. 13:13)

The Colt is Lowly

- Not threatening or intimidating
- "He who sits upon the cherubim..."
 (Gospel Response, Hosanna Sunday)
- "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5)

Summary

- Virtues learned from a donkey
 - Strong, obedient, faithful, loyal
- Lessons from the Holy Spirit
 - Carry God's presence
 - Young and untrained
 - No physical uniqueness
 - The colt was tied
 - The colt is lowly