

## *Eagle Mountain International Church*

### **The Significance of Jesus' Triumphant Entry**

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**Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Matthew 21:1-11 (NLT) 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.”

#### **A. Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem**

1. Passover was Jerusalem’s most important event of the year.
2. More people came for Passover than any other festival.
  - a. The city streets swelled to twice the people.
  - b. Matthew 21:8 (TPT) “An exceptionally large crowd gathered and carpeted the road before him with their cloaks and prayer shawls.”
3. The atmosphere was explosive.
  - a. Verse 10 (TPT) “As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people went wild with excitement—the entire city was thrown into an uproar!”
  - b. Commentary: The city was shaken like an earthquake.
4. Philo, an eyewitness and leader of the great Jewish community of Alexandria, Egypt wrote, “Multitudes of people from multitudes of cities flow in an endless stream to the Holy Temple for each festival. They come from the east and west, from the north and south.”
5. The people were not aware of the significance of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem that day.

**B. The People Did Not Realize**

1. He was entering as the spotless, sinless, pure and final Lamb of God.
2. He came to take away the sins of the world and reconnect man to God.
3. Every move He made was a reenactment of the Passover Lamb.
4. Every moment was perfectly timed.
5. The very steps of this good man were being ordered of the Lord.

**C. Exodus 12:1-14 (NLT)—The First Passover**

While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the Lord gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron:

From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat. The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the door frames of the houses where they eat the animal. That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord's Passover. On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord!

But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the Lord.

This is a law for all time.

#### **D. These Old Testament Events were a Type of Jesus: The FINAL Lamb of God!**

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The 10th of Nisan was the Passover Celebration.

Matthew 26:2 Jesus said to His disciples, “You know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of Man will be betrayed and will be crucified.”

The Passover Lamb was led through the Sheep Gate on its journey to the Temple.

Acts 8:31-35 (KJV) Philip was preaching to the Eunuch, quoting Isaiah 53, “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.” The Eunuch asked who he was talking about. “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”

The people would sing “Hallel” and would wave palm branches before the Passover Lamb.

Matthew 21:8-9 (NKJV) “A very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’”

The Passover Lamb was then taken to the Temple for observation.

Mark 14:53 (NKJV) “They led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders and the scribes.”

John 18:19 (TPT) “The high priest interrogated Jesus....”

The Lamb would be declared pure after 50 separate tests and a thorough examination.

The Passover Lamb was flogged and the skin of its back was removed. This was to make sure it was as pure on the inside as it was on the outside.

Psalm 22:16-18 (TPT) “They have pierced my hands and my feet. Like a pack of wild dogs they tear at me, swirling around me with their hatred...[They gather around me like lions to pin my hands and feet. All my bones stick out.]...Look at how they gloat over me and stare! With a toss of the dice they divide my clothes among themselves, gambling for my garments!”

The Passover Lamb was placed on the altar and killed.

Luke 23:13-15 Pilate called the chief priests, the rulers and the people. “You brought me this man as one who perverts the people. I have examined Him and have found no fault in Him. He has done nothing worthy of death.” Declared pure!

John 19:1 (NLT) “Pilate had Jesus flogged a lead-tipped whip.”

Isaiah 52:14 (NLT-96) “Many were amazed when they saw him—beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person.”

1 Peter 2:24 By His stripes we were healed.

Matthew 26:65-68 – Commentary from Rick Renner:

“There were 100 people at Caiaphas’ house. They hated Jesus. They got as close to Him as possible and would gather up as much saliva as possible. Then, one by one, they would spit in His face until He was covered. They would beat Him with their fists and would slap him in the face. They blindfolded Him and would say, “Which one will hit you next?” These acts were the greatest insults possible.

John 19:14-15 (KJV) “It was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and [Pilate] saith unto the Jews, ‘Behold your King!’ But they cried out, ‘Away with Him. Crucify Him.’ Pilate saith... ‘Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar.’” And they crucified Him.

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Not one bone of the Passover Lamb was broken.

John 19:33 (NKJV) “When they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.”

John 19:36 (KJV) “These things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, ‘A bone of Him shall not be broken.’”

Numbers 9:12 (KJV) “They shall leave none of it [the Lamb] until the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the Passover.”

The heart of the Passover Lamb was removed and all the blood was drained.

John 19:34 (NKJV) “One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.”

The High Priest slit the throat of the Passover Lamb and would say, “It is finished!”

John 19:30 (KJV) “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished.”

After death, the Passover Lamb was thrust on a vertical pole. A horizontal pole was added, forming a cross.

John 19:18 (NLT) “There they nailed him to the cross.”

Psalms 22:16 (TPT) “They have pieced my hands and my feet.”

The Passover Lamb’s sacrifice covered sin for one year.

Jesus’ death completely wiped out sin for all time. His sacrifice was eternal.

1 Corinthians 5:7 (MEV) “Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.”

1 Peter 1:18-19 (KJV) We were redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

John 1:29 (NKJV) “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

*“God’s Word teaches us that we have the power of attorney and authority to use the Name of Jesus. We have been given the right to use His Name in prayer. We have been given the right to use His Name in combat against the unseen forces that surround us. We have been given the right to use His Name against all the powers of darkness. The secret to our victory lies in the use of that Name! We have depended on our own ability to deliver someone—when in reality, it is the Name that does it. Jesus has given us unqualified use of His Name.”*

**E. Hebrews 9:11-15 (NLT)**

1. Verses 11-15 (NLT) “So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.

With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer [a young cow] could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity.

Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.”

2. 1 Corinthians 2:8 (NLT-96) “None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.”
3. On the cross, Jesus bore our sickness and carried our diseases.
4. Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) “By His stripes, we are healed.”
5. Galatians 3:13 We are redeemed from the curse of the Law.
6. Revelations 12:11 We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.