

# WELCOME!

If this is your first Sunday with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here! We have connection cards at the table in the back if you would like to fill one of those out! Also on the back of this bulletin is all our contact information and a QR code for our app. Check it out!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday we welcome you to join us for a full breakfast at 9 AM, invite your family and friends! We will have a worship service following at 10 AM, stay and celebrate our risen Savior!

We will not have Sunday School or prayer meeting Easter Sunday evening.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday

Prayer at 9:00am  
Sunday School at 9:30 - 10:15am  
\*Snack & Drink Intermission  
Worship at 10:30am  
Children's Church at 11:15am  
Sermon at 11:15am - 12:00pm  
Prayer Meeting at 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Youth Group at 5:00 - 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Men's Meeting: 6:30am  
Prayer at 6:30pm  
Bible study at 7:00 - 8:00pm

### Friday

Lady's Meeting at 9:30 - 11:30am

### Weekly Prayer

\*Prayer meeting held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening 4:30 - 5:30pm\*

### Mark your Calendars!

**OCC Shoe Box: March-April**  
TOYS that will fit in a small shoe box,  
postage money, clearance items  
**June 16 - 20 : Church Camp**  
**July 7 - 11 : Vacation Bible School**

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## A KING ON A DONKEY

# Matthew 21:11

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

It was Sunday—the day we now call Palm Sunday. Without a doubt, this wasn't Jesus' first visit to Jerusalem. As a devout Jew, He would've gone to the city every year for the three great feasts (Luke 2:41–42; John 2:13; 5:1). In the past three years, Christ had also ministered and taught in Jerusalem. But this Sunday His coming into the city was radically different.

By riding a young donkey into Jerusalem at a time when thousands of worshipers were coming into the city, Jesus was the center of attention (Matthew 21:9–11). Why would He take the place of prominence before thousands of people when for the past three years He'd deliberately kept a low profile? Why would He accept the people's proclamation that He was King just five days before His death?

Matthew says that this took place to fulfill a five-hundred-year-old prophecy (Matthew 21:4–5) that God's chosen king would come into Jerusalem "righteous and victorious, [yet] lowly and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9; see also Genesis 49:10–11). This was a truly unusual way for a triumphant king to enter a city. Conquering kings normally rode on mighty stallions. But Jesus didn't come riding a warhorse. This reveals what kind of King Jesus is. He came in meekness and lowliness. Jesus came not for war, but for peace, establishing peace between God and us (Acts 10:36; Colossians 1:20).

### Reflect & Pray

What kind of king is Jesus to you today? How can you honor Him as your King?



Palm Sunday Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy (Zechariah 9:9) and symbolizing his humble yet victorious kingship.

The donkey symbolizes peace and humility contrasting with the expected image of a powerful king.

The palm branches symbolize victory and triumph, used by the crowds to honor Jesus.

## SERMON NOTES

## WE BELIEVE

In one God eternally existing in three persons;  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**(John 14:10,16,18,26)**

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
**(John 3:16, Matt. 1:20)**

Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead: He ascended into heaven, lives today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor, and is coming again to receive unto Himself those who are looking for him. (Acts 4:10, Heb. 1:3; 7:25; 9:28)

All men are sinners by nature and practice.  
(Romans 3:23, 5:19)

All who believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and was resurrected from the dead, when they repent and confess with their mouth Jesus as Savior, are born into God's family as sons of God.  
(Act 2:38, Rom 10:9-10)

In being filled with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.  
(Acts 2:4; 10:45-46)

In the exercise of the gifts of the spirit that all may be edified.  
**(1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:12)**

In observing the ordinances of water baptism by immersion, the Lord's supper, and men having their heads uncovered and women having their heads covered when praying or prophesying.

In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the believer, and eternal punishment for the unbeliever.  
**(John 5:28)**