



# Dear Seattle: Jesus Loves You

## The Triumphal Entry

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**SERIES TEXT:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - Jesus, John 3:16 NIV

**SERIES BIG IDEA:** Jesus lovingly came, died and rose again to save you.

**PARADES...** Honoring heroes and celebrating historic occasions and cherished traditions.

### 1. The Backstory... Events leading up to the Triumphal Entry – John 11:38-12:11

- **Raising of Lazarus in Bethany** – 11:38-44... "Lazarus, come out!"
- **Plot to kill Jesus – Prophecy** – 11:45-53... "You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."
- **Withdrawal to Ephraim** – 11:54
- **Pilgrims gather in Jerusalem for the Passover** – 11:55-57... "Isn't he coming to the festival at all?"
- **Ministry in Jericho**
- **Healing of Bartimaeus** – Luke 18:35-43, Matthew 20:24... "Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him."
- **Conversion of Zacchaeus** – Luke 19:1-10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
- **Return to Bethany, Jesus anointed** – 12:1-8... "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."
- **Crowds gather** – 12:9-11... "Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews..."

***Jesus loved these people and with a compassionate heart, he met their needs***

Matthew 9:35-38... "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

### 2. The Main Event: the Triumphal Entry – John 12:12-16

v.12 "The next day the *great crowd* that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. v.13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!" (Psalm 118:25-26)

v.14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it,

(Mt. 21:1-3,7: "Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away... They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.")

as it is written:

v.15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

(Mt. 21:5, "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' " - Zechariah 9:9-10

v.16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him."

### 3. The Misunderstanding... The people, even the disciples, didn't understand the true meaning of the parade

- Recognition of the Messiah
- Expectation of the Messiah
- Reality of the Messiah – Isaiah 53:3-7

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

### 4. The Application (John 12:23-25)

- "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**"
- Matthew 16:25-26, "**For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.** What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"
- "Here is the great Christian paradox, the unmistakable mark of an authentic gospel: It begins with dying, with a cross. If the gospel that you hear does not begin with a cross, does not begin by telling you that something in you has to die, it is not the true gospel." – Ray Stedman
- Cuba

### Conclusion... What do you see?

#### Salvation Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus name, amen.