

Read Mark 11.1-11

There was a party atmosphere as Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem – on the day we call Palm Sunday. The authorities and leaders in Jerusalem were not impressed. But there were acts of generosity from the crowd: valuable cloaks, and branches cut for the coming festival were given up in the excitement of celebrating Jesus.

A note on the passage The Jewish people have been waiting for a Messiah – someone to save them – for centuries. They have definite ideas of what he'll be like, and Jesus doesn't quite fit them. He says and does some fascinating things, but this procession into Jerusalem is all wrong. A king comes on a horse – a show of power and strength – not on a donkey. Yet the crowd that is with him are convinced and are in a celebratory mood. What convinces you that Jesus is the Messiah? What would you give up in celebration?



What is the most extravagant gift you have given or received?
What do you have to offer as a gift?

IMAGINE

Go for a wander down your local high street. As you walk, use your imagination to paint a picture of Jesus on a donkey, surrounded by his followers, and entering your town, village or city. What would the locals make of him? Pray for the people and businesses that you pass, that they may somehow know the majesty of Jesus in this season.



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Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power and reign

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As always, Stay safe God Bless