



Going to Jerusalem

Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two of his disciples to go into the village on the way and there they would find a young donkey that had never been ridden. They were to bring it to Jesus. If anyone questioned them, they were to say "The Lord needs it and will send it back soon."

Years before the prophet had said, "See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt".

They brought the donkey to Jesus and put their cloaks (coats) over it and he sat on it. As they rode along, people began to throw their cloaks in the path ahead of them. Some cut branches and placed them in the path. They were making a way for the entrance of their king.

They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

The next day, he entered the temple in Jerusalem. When he entered the temple area, he saw people buying and selling cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifices. He became very angry and made a whip of cords and made them leave. He turned over the tables of money and drove the animals out of the area.

He said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

The children were again shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David". The temple leaders asked him if he heard what the children were saying. "Yes," he said, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." Jesus loves to hear the praise of children.

The story of Jesus going to Jerusalem can be found in the book of Mark, chapter 11 verses 1-19.

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