

FACES IN THE CROWD
Jesus' Triumphant Entry
Selected Old & New Testament Scripture

Today we begin our Easter Sermon Series entitled, “*Faces In The Crowd*” as we follow Jesus from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection from the tomb looking at some faces in the crowd as we go along.

Our first stop on our journey is Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

- Matthew gives this event 9 verses.
- Mark has 11 verses that record this event.
- Luke gives us the most verses with 19.
- John uses just 7 verses.

So, who are some faces in the crowd for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem?

- Two disciples
- The owner of the colt.
- The whole crowd of disciples.
- Pharisees

The 2 Disciples And The Owner Of The Colt: - (Matthew 21:1-5)

- The first thing I notice about these verses is the word “immediately” that is used twice.
 - **GKGW – Delayed obedience is disobedience**
- The great Scottish Pastor Peter Marshall, who spent years pastoring in our Nation's Capital and even was the Chaplin for our Senate and Congress, suggest this for the followers of Christ.
 - Begin with the Gospel of John and read it. When you come to anything that Christ says do, stop reading and do it, then come back and continue to read.
 - That is what we see these 2 disciples do, they don't ask questions, they don't make excuses, they simply obey.
- That is what we also see in the life of the owner of the colt – what did the Master need from Him (the Master saw the larger picture).
 - Why a donkey – it fulfills prophecy **Zechariah 9:9**

- Let me just pose a question to you this morning “*what is it that the Lord needs from you this morning?*”

The Whole Crowd Of Disciples - (Luke 19:35-38)

- Up to this point Jesus had told His disciples to shhhh about the things they had seen (Mt. of Transfiguration).
- But why now?
 - First, He was fulfilling another prophecy – Psalm 118:25-26.
 - Secondly, was to force the Jewish leaders to act.
 - They had hoped to arrest Jesus after the Passover.
 - **John 12:19**
 - But the Father had ordained that His Son would be slain on Passover.
 - Every attempt by the Religious Leaders up to this point had failed, but now steps in Judas. (**another Prophecy fulfilled**)
- Look at the words “**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**” Now compare that to the words of **Luke 2:14**.
- But you might say, hold on Pastor there is no peace on earth today, the reason is that the world rejected its Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Praise God that through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary, there can be peace with God!

The Pharisees – Luke 19:39-40

- The Religious Leaders command Jesus to quiet His disciples.
- Jesus tells them that if they were commanded to be quiet, the rocks would cry out His praise!

Finally, Jesus arrives at Jerusalem and what does He do, (**Luke 19:41-43**).