

A LIFE WORTHY OF WORSHIP

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JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road...the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices...³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke 19:35-38

THIS PUBLIC DISPLAY WAS A STARK CONTRAST TO JESUS' TYPICAL MODE OF OPERATION

² When the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world..." ⁶ Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do."

John 7:2-4,6

IT WAS TIME TO CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE LONG

AWAITED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED MESSIAH

"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.'"

Matthew 21:5

A PARADE STILL SEEMS OUT OF CHARACTER

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11

YET JESUS RECEIVES AND DEFENDS A HERO'S WELCOME

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Luke 19:39-40

THE PEOPLE WHO LINED THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM

THAT DAY HAD BEEN CHANGED BY THE LIFE OF JESUS

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

Luke 19:37

THEY HAD HOPE FOR THE FUTURE BECAUSE JESUS HAD RESCUED THEM FROM THE HOPELESSNESS OF THEIR PAST.

JESUS HAD PROVEN HIMSELF WORTHY OF THEIR PRAISE

ON EASTER WE CELEBRATE JESUS' CONQUEST OVER DEATH, SECURING THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

ON PALM SUNDAY HEAVEN ORCHESTRATED AND EARTH PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS' LIFE, INSURING HIS DEATH.