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Chapter 21:1-17

**The Triumph
of Peace**

¹ As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ² “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, ⁵ “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.’” ⁶ The two disciples did as Jesus commanded.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!”¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.¹¹ And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

⁵¹ On the twenty-third day of the second month, in the year 171, there was a great celebration in the city because this terrible threat to the security of Israel had come to an end. Simon and his men entered the fort singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving, while carrying palm branches and playing harps, cymbals, and lyres. ⁵² Simon issued a decree that the day should be joyfully celebrated every year.



**9 ...Rejoice, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt.**

**10 I will remove the battle chariots from Israel
and the warhorses from Jerusalem.**

**I will destroy all the weapons used in battle,
and your king will bring peace to the nations.**



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¹² Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!”



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¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David.” But the leaders were indignant.

¹⁶ They asked Jesus, “Do you hear what these children are saying?” “Yes,” Jesus replied. “Haven’t you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, ‘You have taught children and infants to give you praise.’” ¹⁷ Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.



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¹ O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

² You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.

³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—

the moon and the stars you set in place—

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

**6 You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—**

**7 the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,**

**8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean
currents.**

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