

## Matthew 21:1-17

# *Deacons and Our Triumphant Entry*

Sermon Outline for Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008, by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Introduction – Eight days that shook the world! Mark 11:1ff, Luke 19:28ff; Jn. 12:19,20,32  
**Processions, Parades and the Triumphant Entry** Jn. 15:26

### Overview of the Triumphant entry in Matthew

1. **The King's procession is from the Mount of Olives to the temple. Vv. 1-3**  
Olive Tree and New Post-flood Creation – Gen. 8:11  
Olive Oil and Anointing – Ex. 30:22-33  
Olive Oil and the Lampstand – Zechariah 4  
Olive Wood Cherubim and Doors – 1 Kings 6:23-34; John 20:12  
Olive Press and the Passion of Christ – Matthew 26:30,36; Zech. 14:4  
Olive Grove and Ascension – Acts 1:12
2. **The King's procession is marked by a sign of humility. Vv. 4,5**  
Proverbs 28-30
3. **The King's procession is marked by a sign of ascension and heavenly rule.**  
Vv. 6-9; Feast of Booths: Dwelling in Trees or Clouds Lev. 23:40-42; Ex. 12:37; Ps. 18:11, 105:39; Isa. 4:5,6
4. **The King's procession is unto judgment, but also healing and transformation. Vv. 12,13; 14; Lev. 10:1,2; 1 Peter 4:17; Ps. 98**

### Where Are We In the Story?

1. Singing His praises, we are those **visited by Jesus'** entry today.  
Why have we come here?  
Jesus Guards God's Holiness; Has Zeal for the Father's House (and Day!)
2. United with Jesus, grafted into the olive tree/lampstand, we are those who **enter the city**.  
How do we leave here? Prepared to Enter the "City "

### The Bride's Response – **Praise and Preparation for Procession**

(Sabbath Enthronement) Ps. 52:8; Isa. 66:11; 2 Cor. 24-17

John 15:26; John 7:37-39; Acts 2:33; Rev. 5:6, 9,10; Gifts to Men, Matthew 21:9; Acts 1:8

3. The offices of the church help prepare us for that entry.
  - A. The Example of Priests and Officers – Dt. 20:1-9  
**Elders are to have a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for (by word and sacrament) and protect the church.**  
**Congregants (and Deacons) are to have a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from their elders.**  
Obedience Without Comprehension – vv, 2-6
  - B. Morality in the Marketplace v. 13 Gideons
  - C. An every-believer Ministry v. 15 Volunteer Sheets
  - D. A Heart for Children v. 15 The Future
  - E. Servant-leadership Jn. 12:26, 31 Deaconesses
  - F. Loving the Praise of God, Not Men Jn. 12:43

Conclusion – A Hungry Savior and A Cursed Fig Tree

## Questions from the Triumphal Entry for Young Hearers

1. How many of the 4 gospels teach about the Triumphal entry? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Christianity is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus spent each night of Holy Week at the Mount of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The dove brought an \_\_\_\_\_ branch back to Noah.
5. The priests were anointed with \_\_\_\_\_ oil.
6. In Zechariah, the cherubim are seen as olive trees, \_\_\_\_\_ olive oil to the lampstand.
7. Olive \_\_\_\_\_ guarded the Holy of Holies in the Temple.
8. It appears that Jesus prayed, died, was buried, raised up and ascended in an olive \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jesus is identified as a \_\_\_\_\_, the true son of \_\_\_\_\_ by his riding on a donkey.
10. This was also a sign of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Jesus walked on the \_\_\_\_\_, picturing Him walking on the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. "Hosanna" means \_\_\_\_\_!
13. Jesus went to the \_\_\_\_\_ and cleansed it.
14. He healed the \_\_\_\_\_ and the lame AT THE TEMPLE!