

iMPACT

part 2 - leaving a mark

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006 – 10:00 AM

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*“Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water.”
- Simon Peter (Matthew 14:28)*

IMPACT:

- The power of making a strong, immediate impression.

THE TEXT

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”(Matthew 21:1-11, NIV).

THE IMPACT OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

- Israel wanted to be released from the grip of the _____
- They were expecting a _____
- “Hosanna” was a Hebrew expression which was originally a cry for help: _____
- “Hypozygion” means _____; which in Palestine was usually a donkey.
- Such an animal was sometimes ridden by rulers in times of _____
- Jesus was about to impact the world as _____, _____ and _____:

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:1-5, NIV)