**Palm Sunday Reading**

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them,

**Reader #2 (Jesus):** 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. **3**If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

**Reader #3 (Prophet):** “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.’”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.**7**They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8**A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9**The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted

**Reader #7, 8, 9 (Crowds):** “Hosanna[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21:1-17#fen-NIV-23836b)] to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21:1-17#fen-NIV-23836c)]

“Hosanna[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21:1-17#fen-NIV-23836d)] in the highest heaven!”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked

**Reader #4, 5, 6 (City):** “Who is this?”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** The crowds answered,

**Reader #7, 8, 9 (Crowds):** This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.**13**He said to them,

**Reader #2 (Jesus):** ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21:1-17#fen-NIV-23840e)] but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. **15**But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law were indignant when they saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts,

**Reader #7, 8, 9 (Crowds):** Hosanna to the Son of David

**Reader #4, 5, 6 (City):** “Do you hear what these children are saying?”

**Reader #1(Narrator):** They asked him. Jesus replied,

**Reader #2 (Jesus):** Yes. Have you never read, “‘From the lips of children and infants
     you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

**Reader #1 (Narrator):** And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.