

The triumphant entry into Jerusalem

Jesus had spent many months travelling around the towns and villages of Palestine telling people about God. Lots of people had come to listen to him talk and were amazed and the things he said and the miracles he performed.



The time had now come to enter the city of Jerusalem. It was a busy time because it was coming up to the Passover festival. Lots of people had travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate.

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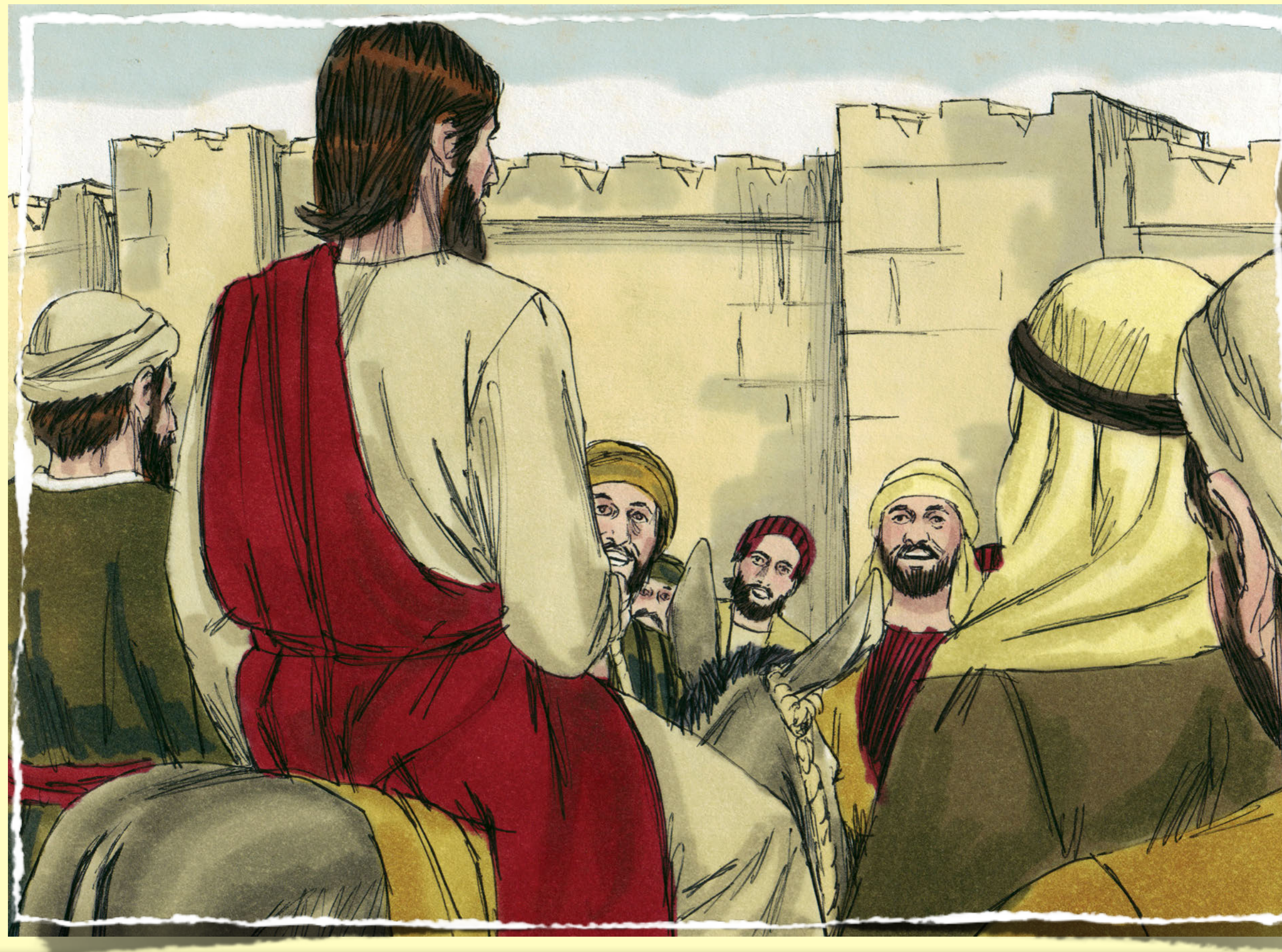


As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied up with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything, just tell them that the Master needs them and then he will let them go at once."

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So the disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. They found the donkey and the colt, just as Jesus had said they would. They took the donkey and the colt back to Jesus, threw their cloaks over them and Jesus got on.



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A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road. The crowds walking in front of Jesus and those walking behind began to shout, "Praise to David's son! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise be to God!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was thrown into uproar. "Who is he?" the people asked. "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee," the crowds answered.



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