

Title: A Fork in the Road

Text: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19

Target: The triumphant entry of Jesus is based upon His willingness to pick the road of suffering instead of popularity.

I. The Plan in Perspective: JESUS IS ALL KNOWING

- A. Demonstrated Divinity:** *“Go into a village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.”* (Matthew 21:2)
- B. Declared Authority:** *“The Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”* (Matthew 21:3)

II. The Promise in the Prophecy: JESUS IS KING

- A. The Donkey:** *“And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,”* (John 12:14)
- B. The Meaning:** *“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”* (John 12:15/Zechariah 9:9)
 - 1. Just or Righteous**
 - 2. Bringing Salvation**
 - 3. Humble and Lowly**

III. The Posture of Praise: JESUS IS SALVATION

- A. Cast their Cloaks:** *“And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road,”* (Mark. 11:7-8a)
- B. Waved Palm Branches:** *“.and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.”* (Mark. 11:8b)
- C. Shouted in Belief:** *“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”* (Mark 11:9-10)

IV. The Pathway of Popularity (Rejected): JESUS CHOSE THE CROSS.

- A. Sentiment Shared:** *“the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”* (Mt 21:10-11)
- B. Sign Performed:** *“The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.”* (John 12:18) *Lazarus raised from the dead
- C. Stones won’t be Silent:** *“And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”* (Luke 19:39-40)

Takeaway: The fork in the road is not to consider what road you are on, but what road Jesus is on and if you will join Him. **John 12:19:** *“So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”*