

Holy Week



So why start
Holy Week on
January 1st?

The most important festival of our faith is Easter

- The Gospel of Mark as 'a passion narrative with extended introduction'. (Martin Kähler)
- In each of the gospels the expectation of the Passion has been woven into all the preceding narrative. The reader senses and knows right from the beginning that Jesus is the Christ who is destined to suffer and to die (Henry Wansborough)

The Gospels a passion narratives

- Matthew – of 28 chapters, 8 are the final week of Jesus' life
- Mark – of 16 chapters , 6 are the final week
- Luke – of 24 chapters, 5 are the final week
- John – of 21 chapters , 10 are the final week
- All 4 Gospels – of 89 chapters, 29 are the final week (32%)

From Palm Sunday to the Resurrection

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Mark 11:1-11
- Luke 19:28-44
- John 12:12-19



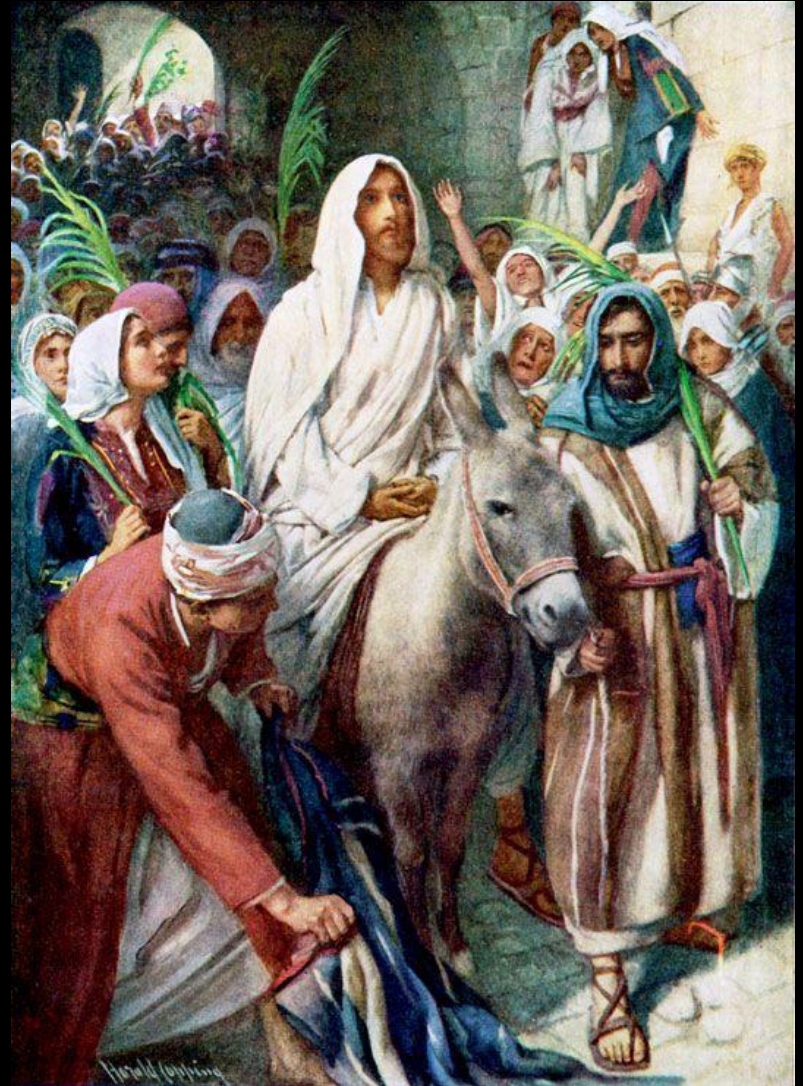
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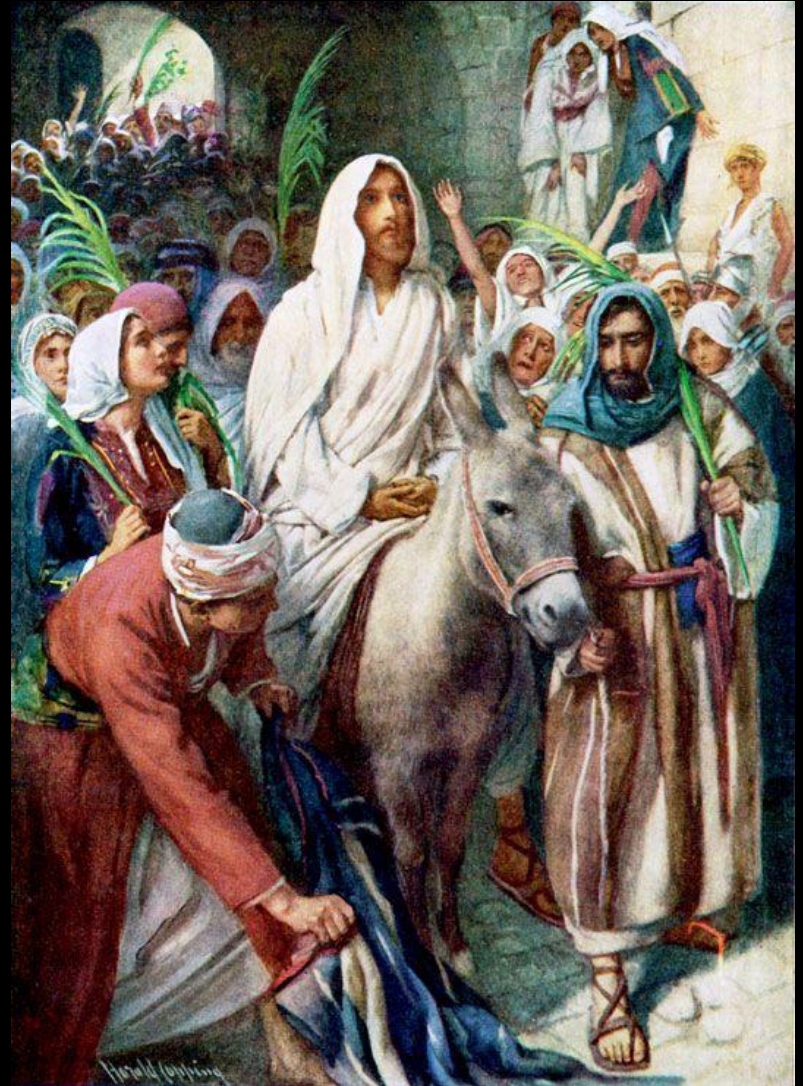


Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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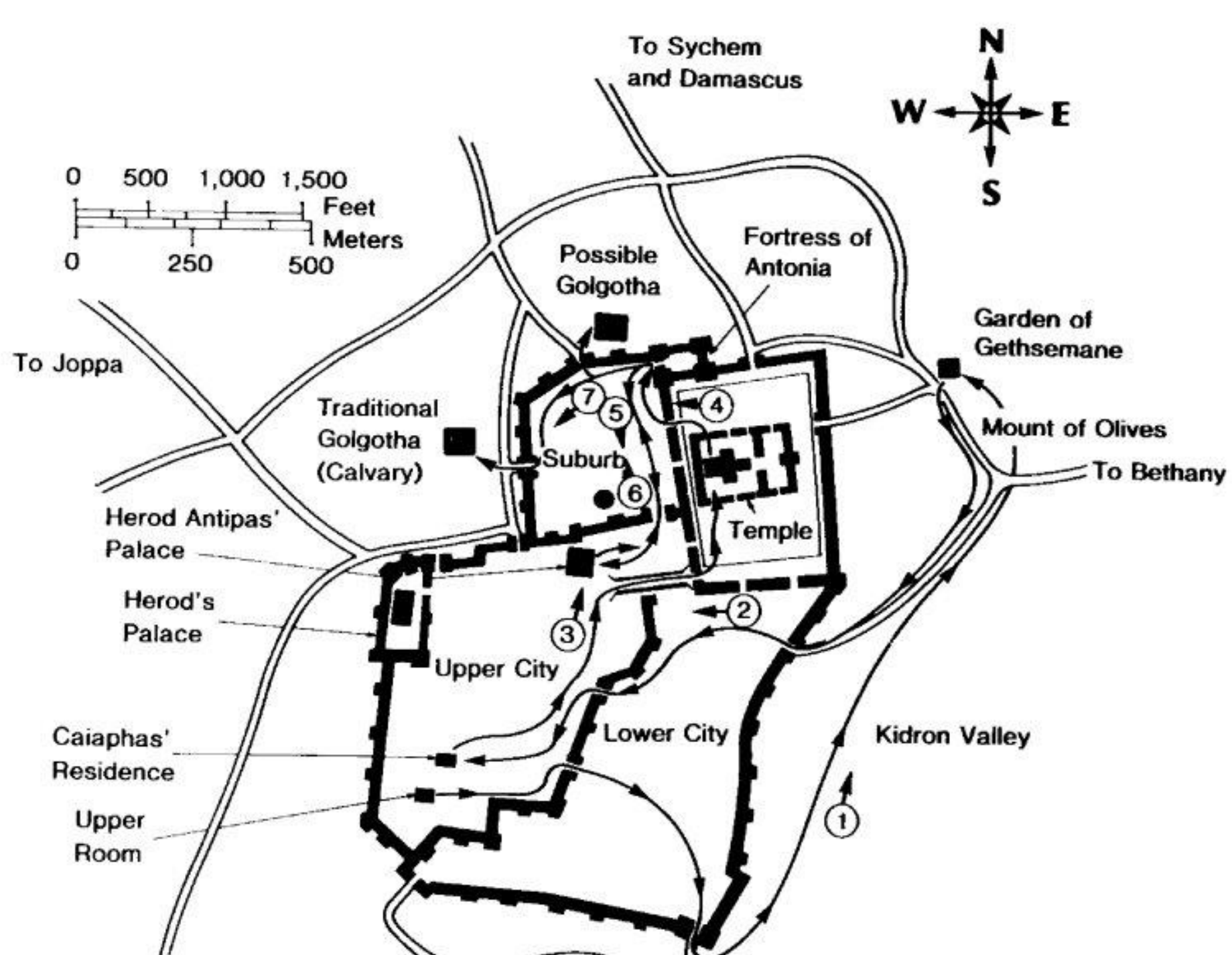
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 - Disciples' obedience (6)



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 - Jesus' claim – I am your king who comes in peace!



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- The reaction (9-11)
 - Crowd's reaction

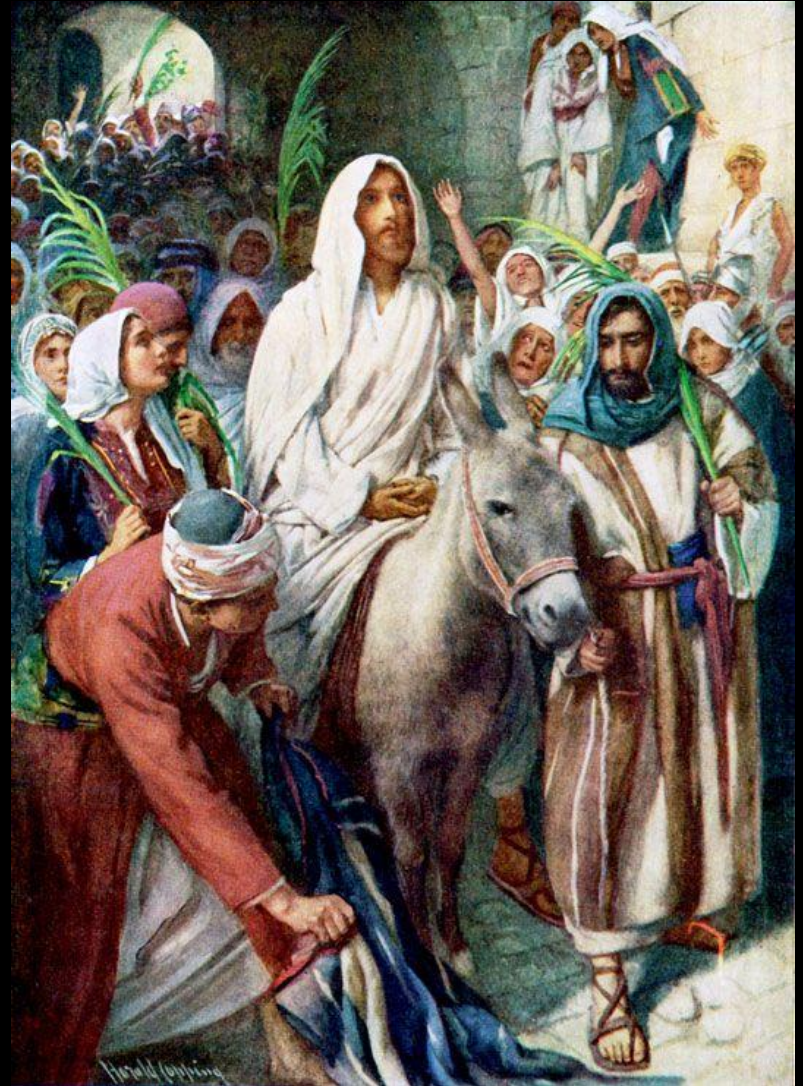


Psalm 118:22-27

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! ***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.*** From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Matthew 21:1-11

- The reaction (9-11)
 - Crowd's reaction
 - City's reaction
 - Worried question (10)
 - Half-right answer (11)



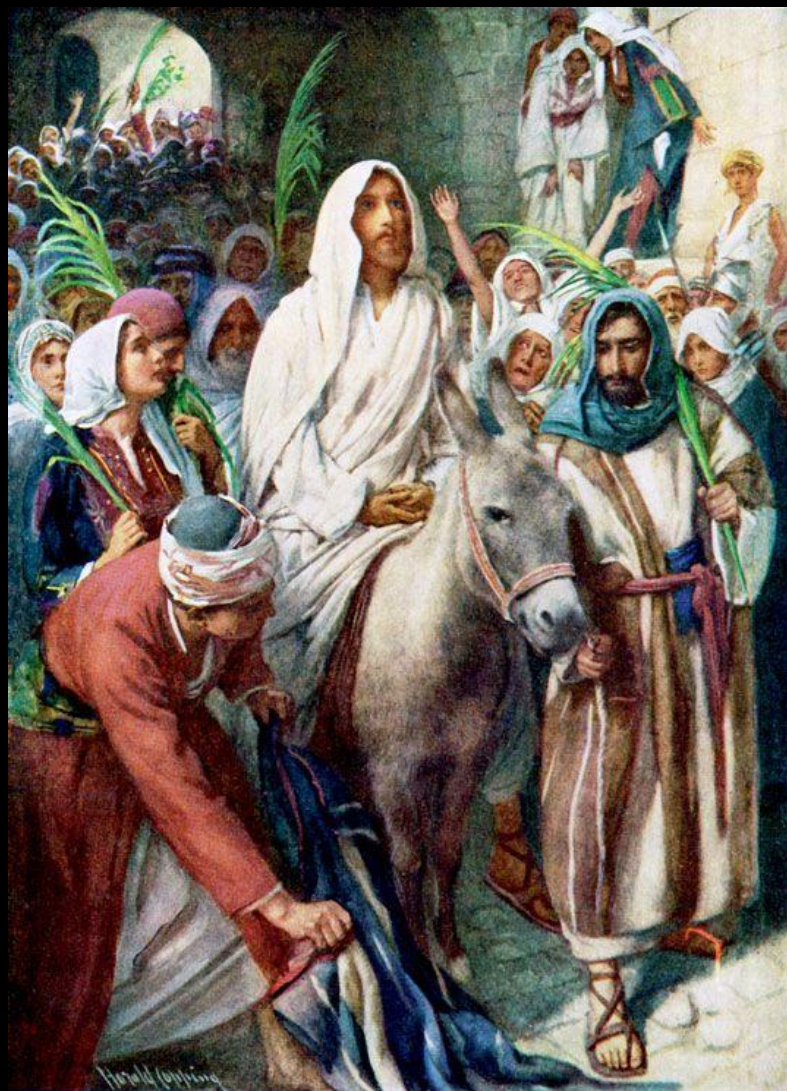
What is going on here?

Matthew shows how, through his authority, careful arrangement and action, Jesus claims his city and through interpretation of prophecy [all the nations]



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Matthew shows how, through their obedience, the disciples' cooperate with Jesus in his claim



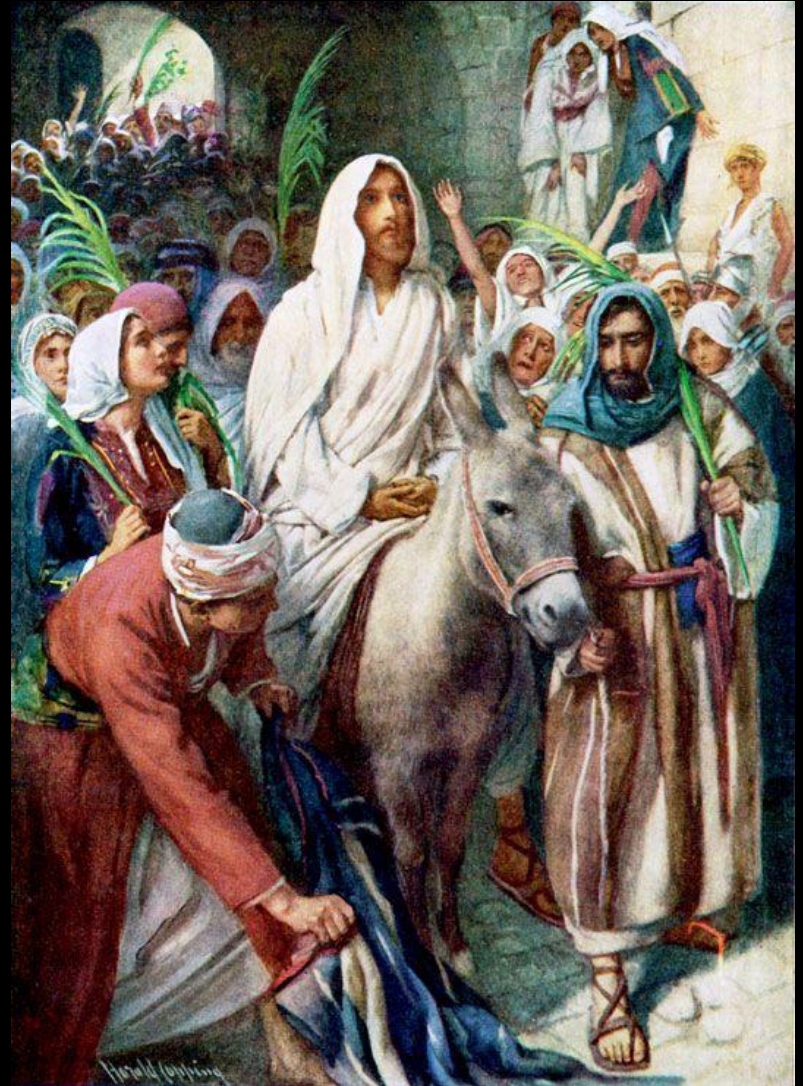
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Matthew shows how, through their worship, the crowds reinforce Jesus' message



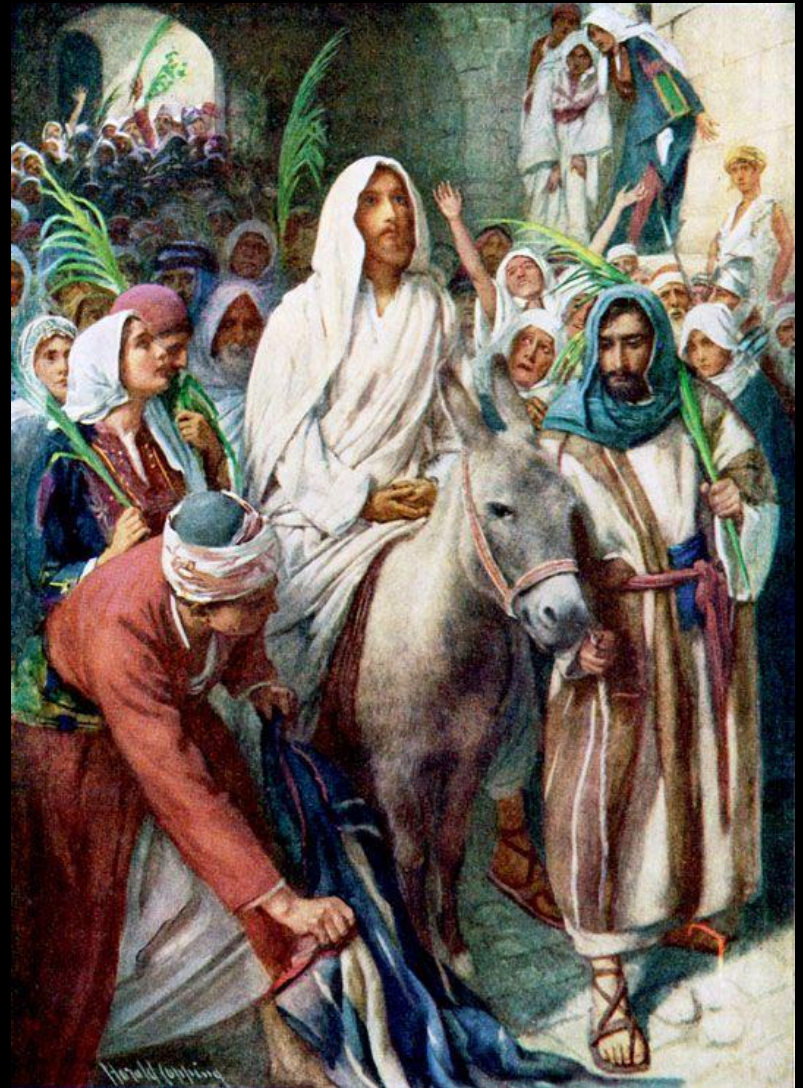
Application for today

- Jesus is still Lord over all of life
- We, as Jesus' disciples should live out that Lordship in every part of our lives



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- We, as God's representatives are to declare Jesus' lordship over all of life



Let's spend a couple of minutes thinking of ways in which we can respond. Practically, in changes of attitude; in our personal lives; in our corporate life as a fellowship; as a country.