

# Who Is He Riding on a Donkey?



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## **Matt 21:11**

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Matt 21:1-11

(Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19)

**1** Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. **3** And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

**4** All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

**5** "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

**6** So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. **8** And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

**10** And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "**Who is this?**"

**11** So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

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HE CAME TO REVEAL GOD TO MEN

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**HE CAME TO REVEAL GOD TO MEN**

Jesus projects Peace (a colt was a symbol of peace)

Jesus is proclaimed as a Prophet and King, (Zechariah 9: 9)

Jesus is perceived as the Promised One. (“Hosanna,” taken from Ps118:25)

**HE CAME TO RECONCILE MAN TO GOD**

Reconciliation is Christ making man savable by placing him in a favorable light of God’s mercy.

**Rom 5:10-11**

**10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

**11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. KJV**

GOD HAS GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

GOD HAS GIVEN US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

GOD HAS GIVEN US THE METHOD OF RECONCILIATION

**2 Cor 5:18-21**

**18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**20** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NKJV

## HE CAME TO REDEEM MAN FOR GOD

The meaning of “**REDEMPTION**” is “to purchase.”

Agorazo—“To purchase in the market.” (2 Peter 1:18, 19)

Ekagorazo—“To purchase and take home.” (Gal 3:13)

Lutroo—“to purchase and give freedom.” (Titus 2:14)

The message of “**REDEMPTION**” is that Jesus Christ has paid the price for all who receive it by faith.