

Palm Sunday Triumphal Entry

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2.

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3.

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4.

The chief priests heard what the people were saying when Jesus entered the city. They became very jealous and angry. Immediately they began planning how to get Jesus arrested, tortured and eventually killed.

The Icon

The icon of this Feast day shows Jesus sitting on a donkey, sitting sideways, coming into Jerusalem. He is giving a blessing with His right hand and usually holding a scroll in His left hand to show the fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah. His disciples are on the left side and the people rejoicing at His arrival are on the right side. They greet Jesus with palm branches and lay down their cloaks for Him to ride over. Jerusalem is shown in the background.

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem

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"Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **Matthew 21:1-9**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Color the icon that shows Jesus entering Jerusalem.



PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Sabaoth, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to God in the highest.

- Holy Liturgy -

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{Teacher's Edition}

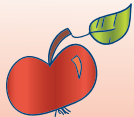
Lesson Objective: To have children understand the celebration of Palm Sunday. Explain to them that this is the end of the Lenten period and the beginning of Holy Week.

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Activity: Have children color the icon.

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