

# Jesus rides into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–40

*This story is similar to the ending of the previous story. The same story is told a bit differently in each Gospel.*

Jesus and his disciples were heading toward Jerusalem.

Near the city Jesus told two of his disciples, “Go into the village ahead of us and you will see a donkey colt tied up. Untie it and bring it back with you. If anyone asks what you are doing, say to them, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it right back.’”

The disciples found the colt just as Jesus had said, and brought it back to Jesus. They spread their cloaks on the colt and Jesus sat on it.

So Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on the colt. Some people were so happy and excited about his coming that they spread their cloaks on the road before him. Others cut branches from trees and spread them on the road. Everyone shouted,

“Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said, “Teacher, order these people to be quiet.”

Jesus answered, “If I silenced these people, the stones themselves would shout out.”

**Wonder:** I wonder what stones would say if they could talk.