

Passion Week—Triumphal Entry (Sunday, March 29, 33)

Matthew 21:1–9	Mark 11:1–10	Luke 19:29–44	John 12:12–19
<p>1 Now when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,</p> <p>2 telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Right away you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.</p> <p>3 If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”</p> <p>6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.</p> <p>7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.</p> <p>4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:</p> <p>5 <i>“Tell the people of Zion, ‘Look, your king is coming to you, unassuming and seated on a donkey and on a colt the foal of a donkey.’”</i> [Isa 62:11; Zech 9:9]</p> <p>8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.</p>	<p>1 Now as they approached Jerusalem, near Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples</p> <p>2 and said to them, “Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.</p> <p>3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here soon.’”</p> <p>4 So they went and found a colt tied at a door, outside in the street, and untied it.</p> <p>5 Some people standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”</p> <p>6 They replied as Jesus had told them, and the bystanders let them go.</p> <p>7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.</p> <p>8 Many spread their cloaks on the road and others spread branches they had cut in the fields.</p>	<p>29 Now when he approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,</p> <p>30 telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied there that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.</p> <p>31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”</p> <p>32 So those who were sent ahead found it exactly as he had told them.</p> <p>33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?”</p> <p>34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”</p> <p>35 Then they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and had Jesus get on it.</p> <p>36 As he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.</p> <p>37 As he approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of</p>	<p>12a The next day</p> <p>14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,</p> <p>15 <i>“Do not be afraid, people of Zion; look, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt!”</i></p> <p>12b the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.</p> <p>13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him.</p> <p>They</p>

<p>9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those following kept shouting,</p> <p><i>“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”</i> [Ps 118:26]</p> <p>Hosanna in the highest!”</p>	<p>9 Both those who went ahead and those who followed kept shouting,</p> <p><i>“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”</i></p> <p>10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”</p>	<p>his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen:</p> <p>38 <i>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”</i></p> <p>39 But some of the Pharisees in the crowd</p> <p>said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”</p> <p>40 He answered, “I tell you, if they keep silent, the very stones will cry out!”</p> <p>41 Now when Jesus approached and saw the city, he wept over it,</p> <p>42 saying, “If you had only known on this day, even you, the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.</p> <p>43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and surround you and close in on you from every side.</p> <p>44 They will demolish you— you and your children within your walls—and they will not leave within you one stone on top of another, because you</p>	<p>began to shout,</p> <p><i>“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”</i></p> <p>Blessed is the king of Israel!”</p> <p>16 (His disciples did not understand these things when they first happened, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him and that these things had happened to him.)</p> <p>17 So the crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were continuing to testify about it.</p> <p>18 Because they had heard that Jesus had performed this miraculous sign, the crowd went out to meet him.</p> <p>19 Thus the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you can do nothing. Look, the world has run off after him!”</p>
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Passion Week—Temple Visit (Sunday, March 29, 33)

Matthew 21:10–11, 14–16	Mark 11:11a
<p>10 As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was thrown into an uproar, saying, “Who is this?”</p> <p>11 And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”</p> <p>14 The blind and lame came to him in the temple courts, and he healed them.</p> <p>15 But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonderful things he did and heard the children crying out in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant</p> <p>16 and said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘<i>Out of the mouths of children and nursing infants you have prepared praise for yourself</i>’?” [Ps 8:2]</p>	<p>11a Then Jesus entered Jerusalem</p> <p>and went to the temple.</p>

Passion Week—We Would See Jesus (Sunday, March 29, 33)

John 12:20–50

Some Greeks Request to See Jesus

20 Now some Greeks were among those who had gone up to worship at the feast.

21 So these approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”

22 Philip went and told Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 I tell you the solemn truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain.

25 The one who loves his life destroys it, and the one who hates his life in this world guards it for eternal life.

26 If anyone wants to serve me, he must follow me, and where I am, my servant will be too. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 “Now my soul is greatly distressed. And what should I say? ‘Father, deliver me from this hour’? No, but for this very reason I have come to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

29 The crowd that stood there and heard the voice said that it had thundered. Others said that an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, “This voice has not come for my benefit but for yours.

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

33 (Now he said this to indicate clearly what kind of death he was going to die.)

34 Then the crowd responded, “We have heard from the law that the Christ will remain forever. How can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

35 Jesus replied, “The light is with you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he went away and hid himself from them.

John’s Summary of Jesus’ Ministry to Israel

37 Although Jesus had performed so many miraculous signs before them, they still refused to believe in him,

38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled. He said, “*Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*” [[Isa 53:1](#)]

39 For this reason they could not believe, because again Isaiah said,

40 “*He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes*

*and understand with their heart,
and turn to me, and I would heal them.”* [Isa 6:10]

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw Christ’s glory, and spoke about him.

42 Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess Jesus to be the Christ, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.

43 For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

44 But Jesus shouted out, “The one who believes in me does not believe in me, but in the one who sent me,

45 and the one who sees me sees the one who sent me.

46 I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness.

47 If anyone hears my words and does not obey them, I do not judge him. For I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 The one who rejects me and does not accept my words has a judge; the word I have spoken will judge him at the last day.

49 For I have not spoken from my own authority, but the Father himself who sent me has commanded me what I should say and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. Thus the things I say, I say just as the Father has told me.”

Passion Week—Return to Bethany (Sunday, March 29, 33)

Matthew 21:17

Mark 11:11b

17 And leaving them,
he went out of the city to Bethany
and spent the night there.

11b And after looking around at everything,
he went out to Bethany with the twelve since it was already late.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) I will be following Steinmann’s order of events as presented in Chapter 13 (“Holy Week, Crucifixion, and Resurrection”, pp. 288–89) of *From Abraham to Paul*. See that chapter for details on specific issues.