

Jesus was coming to Jerusalem to celebrate a special holiday called Passover. He was going to have a celebration with his friends the disciples, and everyone in the city was getting ready for their own celebrations for the holiday. As Jesus and his friends got closer to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead into the city. He told them, "Run into the city. When you get there, you will see a donkey tied to a post. Untie the donkey and bring it to me. The people who own the donkey will probably ask you what you are doing. But just tell the people that the Lord needs the donkey, and they will let you go."

The two disciples ran ahead into the city to follow Jesus' instructions. Just like Jesus had said, as soon as they got into Jerusalem, they saw a donkey tied up to a post. They must have felt a little funny as they started to take this donkey that didn't belong to them and asked what they were doing. The disciples told them, "The Lord needs the donkey." And just like Jesus said, the people let the disciples and the donkey go!

The two disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They took their coats off, and spread them on the donkey's back like a blanket for him to sit on. Jesus started to ride into the city. Many people saw him coming. The people had heard about Jesus, and about his amazing miracles and how he taught all about God's love. They were so excited to see this famous, amazing man come into the city! They ran to see him.

People gathered branches from palm trees, and waved them up and down at Jesus, just like they would have done for a king who was coming through the city. They spread some of the branches on the road in front of him. Many people took their coats off and spread them on the road too, as if they were making a royal carpet for the donkey to walk on. Soon more and more people had gathered around. They asked, "Who is this man?" The people answered excitedly, "This is Jesus! He is a prophet of the Lord."

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the disciples and the people waved their palm branches and began praising God with loud voices for all the mighty things they had seen Jesus do. The people called out, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!"

The people were so excited to see Jesus! They knew that He was a special man, and they treated Him like a King as He rode into the city. They worshipped Him, and celebrated all the amazing things He had done.