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Subject: Jesus Enters Jerusalem in Triumph, Matt. xxi., 1-17-Gold. en Text, Matt. xxi., 9—Memory Verses, 9-11.

Preparations for the triumphal entry (vs. 1-7). 1. "Drew nigh." Palm Sunday. Jesus and His disciples left Bethany and journeyed toward Jerusalem. "Bethphage." The location of this town is not definitely known; it was between Bethany and Jerusalem. "Sent—two disciples." Supposed to have been Peter and John. After they left Bethany Jesus sent these disciples on ahead.

"The village." Bethphage. "Ye shall find." Here we have a wonderful instance of Christ's prescience in very minute matters. "Loose them." The animals were tied; and so men's possessions are "tied" by pleasure, or greed, or gain, or habit, or the gordian knot of selfishness.

"Straightway He will send, them." Our Lord did not beg, but borrowed the colt, therefore this should be understood as the promise of returning him.

4. "Might be fulfilled." Was the chief motive of Jesus merely to fulfil a prophecy, and did He turn out of the way for that purpose? Rather, let us see that this was the right thing to do at this time. It was necessary in order to fulfil His mission for Him to offer Himself, on this last opportunity, to the Jews as heir Messiah King, so that they might accept Him and be saved. "By the prophet." Zech. 9:9. 5. "The daughter of Sion." The church. "Behold." Give attention and look with astonishment and wonder. "Thy King cometh." Jesus Christ is appointed King over the church (Psa.

2:6), and is accepted by the church. 6. "Did as Jesus commanded.". What a blessing it would be if every one did as Jesus commanded them, without stopping to question, or suggest a different course. 7. "Their "clothes." They spread their loose outer garments on the colt and sat Jesus thereon, thus acknowledging Him to be their king.

II. The triumphal procession (vs. S-11). S. "A very great multi-Noble J. H. Walker, thirty-third tude." Vast crowds were present at the Passover. In the time of Nero a census was taken and it was ascertained that there were 2,700,000 Jews present at this feast. "Garments in the way." An Oriental mark of honor at the reception or kings on their entrance into cities. "Branches from the trees." This was a demonstration of their joy. Carrying palm and other branches was emblematical of success and vic-

"Hosanna." Hosanna is a rendering into Greek letters of the Hebrew words, "Save, we pray" (Psa. 118:25). It is like a shout of "Salvation! Salvation!" It is used as an expression of praise like "Hallelujah'" The disciples rejoiced and praised God with a loud voice (Luke 19:37, 38), and the Pharisees with unconcealed disgust asked Him to rebake them. But Jesus replied, If these should hold their peace the stones would immediately cry out. cense to rejoice and shout His praises. "The Son of David." common expression for the Messiah. "In the highest." In the highest degree; in the highest strains; in the

highest heavens. 10. "Was moved." "Was stirred." R. V. The word in the original is forcible, "convulsed" or "stirred" as by an earthquake, or by a violent wind. The same Greek word is used by Matthew (8:24) to express the effect of a violent tempest upon the waters of the Sea of Galilee. multitude was greatly excited. "Wh is this?" Well may we, as well as they, ask this question. 11. "This is Jesus." And thus He is the Saviour, the deliverer (Matt. 1:21) The prophet of Nazareth." prophet referred to by Moses (Deut.

Noble George Showell, thirty-sec- was the next day, Monday. See ond degree, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mark 11:11-15. Jesus and His disday night. This was the second cleansing of the temple: one of His first public acts, three years before this, was to purge His Father's house '(John 2:13-17). "Cast out." In the first instance He used a "scourge of small cords," now His word is suf-

13. "It is written." In Isa. 56: 7: Jer. 7:11. "A den of thieves." The business was right enough in itself, but they had perverted the use the Lord's house, and were robbing the people by charging extortionate prices. They were destroying the very spirit of true worship.

IV. Christ's popularity (vs. 14-17). 14. "He healed them." In the presence of all the people He performed most wonderful cures. He now shows the proper use of the temple. 15. "Were sore displeased." The leaders saw that they were unable to check His growing popularity. D. C. Chairman; James O. Bamfield, Even the children were taking up

> "Hearest Thou what these They were antious to have ('brist rebuke them, but, instead, Jesus quotes from Psa. 3:2 to show that even this was in harmony with the Scriptures. 17. "To Bethany." They again return to Bethany to

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