TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The Final Week
March 29, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- John 12:12-15
- Zechariah 9:9
- Zechariah 13:7
- John 12:31-36
- Isaiah 40:3-8

KEY POINTS

- Triumph is not commonly associated with humility.
- The Triumphal Entry was a purposed provocation to expedite HIS appointment with the cross.
- JESUS expressed triumphal humility by HIS obedience to the FATHER's will, fulfilling prophecy, not folding to the will of the people, and not cowering on the path to the cross.
- JESUS' humble mission was spiritual warfare to counter the root sin of pride.
- The entire week from the Triumphal Entry to JESUS' death was a silent subversion of the kingdom of darkness while the people thought all hope was gone.
- JESUS faithfully fulfilled our wants and needs to the infinite degree, but often our faithfulness is returned to HIM (reciprocated) only as long as our temporal wants and needs are met.
- In the blackest darkness, the light is brightest. When times are hardest, GOD is closest.
- Sinful, selfish pursuits blind us to the triumphant nature of humility.
- Isaac Newton said, "What goes up, must come down." The kingdom principle is: "Whoever humbles himself down low, will be exalted high up."
- The way JESUS left in HIS lowliness is how HE will soon return in HIS highness.

DISCUSSION

- Before hearing this message, how did you feel about JESUS' final week before HIS death that began with the Triumphal Entry? Heartbroken? Happy? Humbled? Why?
- What are some typical ways that triumph is defined in the world?
- Share a story of someone who has set an example of humility for you.
- When has JESUS helped you to be humble in a hard situation?
- Which of your temporal needs not being met shakes your faith the most? Why?
- Where are opportunities for you to humble yourself? With a family member? A spouse or a friend? Coworker? How will you take steps toward humility?
- Is it difficult to believe that JESUS will physically return? Why?