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Sunday, March 16, 2008

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

TODAY'S THOUGHT: Fundamentally, our Lord's message was Himself. He did not come merely to preach a Gospel; He Himself is that Gospel. He did not come merely to give bread; He said, "I am the bread." He did not come merely to shed light; He said, "I am the light." He did not come merely to show the door; He said, "I am the door." He did not come merely to name a shepherd; He said, "I am the shepherd." He did not come merely to point the way; He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." —J. Sidlow Baxter

Have you ever been on a trip to visit family in which you arrived by plane or train? What happened when you arrived? The greeting family might have been jumping up and down. Or, they were waving their arms and hands to get your attention. Other times, the family may prepare a big banner that says, "Welcome home, Grandma!" Or Grandpa, Dad, Mom — something like that.

Think about those scenes when you read the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. He wasn't coming home, although his birth city, Bethlehem, was nearby. He knew he was arriving in the city where he would die. But the crowds who loved him were ready to greet him.

So they came out to meet him. They jumped up and down. They waved their hands and arms, they laid down palm fronds in his pathway, they sang and danced. It was great to have Jesus among them.

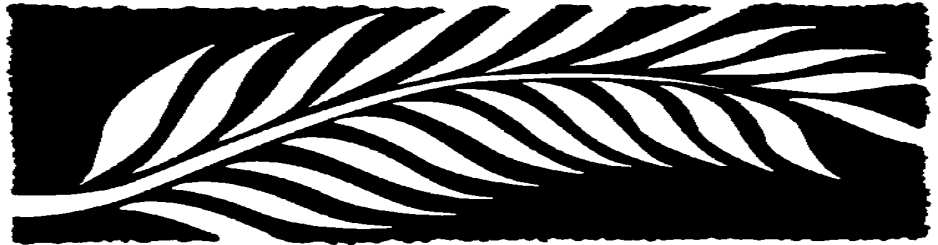
Today is a day to think of Jesus as one who is coming to you — humbly, as a servant. Isn't it good to get company? Isn't it good to have a visit? Today, consider Jesus as the one who is visiting you, and as one who need not leave. There's no need to treat Him as a guest, that is, as someone who will leave at some point. We can treat Him as someone we want more than anything to stay with us, and never leave.

It was a great moment, that time long ago when Jesus went into Jerusalem riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey. It's always a great moment when we feel the presence of the Lord with us in our lives. Hosanna!

ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of March 16, 2008

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Mark 14-16
- Monday:** Numbers 1-3
- Tuesday:** Numbers 4-6
- Wednesday:** Numbers 7-10
- Thursday:** Numbers 11-14
- Friday:** Numbers 15-17
- Saturday:** Psalms 29-30



PALM SUNDAY

WORD SEARCH

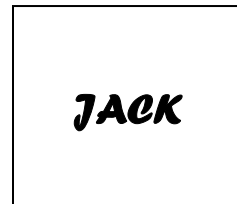
Find the words below that are all associated with the Holy Week journey toward the cross.

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| colt | crucifixion | forsaken | kiss | prayer | suffer |
| confess | death | Gethsemane | lots | repent | thorns |
| cross | denial | Golgotha | palms | silver | vigil |

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Word Picture

What expression comes to mind when you study this drawing? Write your answer below.



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