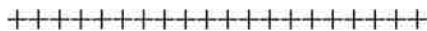


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**THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**  
(Thoughts of Bishop J. C.  
Ryle on St. Matthew 21:1-11)

THESE verses contain a very remarkable passage in our Lord Jesus Christ's life. They describe his public entry into Jerusalem, when He came there for the last time, before He was crucified.

The real meaning of our Lord's conduct at this period of His history is not sufficiently considered by many readers of this passage. It remains for us to consider the practical lessons which these verses appear to point out.

In the first place, let us notice in these verses *an example of our Lord Jesus Christ's perfect knowledge*. He sends His two disciples into a village; He tells them that they will there find the ass on which He was to ride; He provides them with an answer to the inquiry of those to whom the ass belonged; He tells them that on giving that answer the ass will be sent: and all happens exactly as He foretells.

There is nothing hid from the Lord's eyes: there are no secrets with Him. Alone or in company, by night or by day, in private or in public, He is acquainted with all our ways. He that saw Nathanael under the fig-tree is unchanged. Go where we will, and retire from the world as we may, we are never out of sight of Christ.

This is a thought that ought to exercise a restraining and sanctifying effect on our souls. We all know the influence which the presence of the rulers of this world has upon their subjects: nature itself teaches us to put a check on our tongues, and demeanour, and behaviour, when we are under the eye of a King. The sense of our Lord Jesus Christ's perfect knowledge of all our ways, ought to have the same effect upon our hearts. Let us do nothing we would not like Christ to see, and say nothing we would not like Christ to hear; let us seek to live and move and have our being under a continual recollection of Christ's presence; let us behave as we would have done had we walked beside Him, in the company of James and John, by the Sea of Galilee. This is the way to be trained for heaven. In heaven, "we shall ever be *with the Lord*" (*I Thess. 4:17*).

In the second place, let us notice in these verses an *example of the manner in which prophecies concerning our Lord's first coming were fulfilled*. We are told that His public entry fulfilled the words of Zachariah: "Thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass" (*Zech. 9:9*).

It appears that this prediction was literally and exactly fulfilled. The words which the prophet spake by the Holy Ghost received no figurative accomplishment; as

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He said, so it came to pass; as He foretold, so it was done. Five hundred and fifty years had passed away since the prediction was made, and then, when the appointed time arrived, the long-promised Messiah did literally ride into Zion "on an ass." No doubt the vast majority of the inhabitants of Jerusalem saw nothing in the circumstance; the veil was upon their hearts: but we are not left in doubt as to the fulfillment of the prophecy. We are told plainly, "All this was done that it might be fulfilled."

From the fulfillment of God's word in time past, we are surely intended to gather something as to the manner of its fulfillment in time to come. We have a right to expect that prophecies respecting the *second* advent of Christ will be a literally fulfilled as those respecting His *first* advent. He came to this earth literally in person the first time; He will come to this earth literally in person the second time; he came in humiliation once literally to suffer; He will come again in glory literally to reign. Every prediction respecting things accompanying His first advent was literally accomplished: it will be just the same when He returns. All that is foretold about the restoration of the Jews, the judgments on the ungodly, the unbelief of the world, the gathering of the elect, shall be made good to the letter. Let us not

forget this. In the study of unfulfilled prophecy, a fixed principle of interpretation is of the first importance.

Finally, let us notice in these verses a *striking example of the worthlessness of man's favour*. Of all the admiring crowds who thronged round our Lord as He entered Jerusalem, none stood by Him when He was delivered into the hands of wicked men. Many cried, "Hosannah," who four days after cried, "Away with him, crucify him."

But this is a faithful picture of human nature: this is a proof of the utter folly of thinking more of the praise of man than the praise of God. Nothing in truth is so fickle and uncertain as popularity: it is here today and gone tomorrow; it is a sandy foundation, and sure to fail those who build upon it. Let us not care for it. Let us seek the favour of Him who is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (*Heb. 13:8*). Christ never changes: those whom He loves, He loves to the end. His favour endureth forever.

### **MISSIONS of the MONTH**

Please pray for the Anglican parishes in Nepal and for the Rev. Rinzi Lama, president of the Anglican Church in Nepal (ACN).

## PARISH NEWS

We began our Lenten Services and Soup Suppers on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We thank those who helped in the services, or prepared soups, or brought salads & bread.

The Women's Guild Bake Sale was Sunday, Feb. 8. Thank you goes to those who baked and bought items.

Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America was Feb. 26, & 27, 2015 at the Cathedral of St. Matthias in Katy, TX.



Bill Nash, Ian Christenson, Tutu Balogun, Charlie Poole, Allison Klingen, Chidera Mochu, Amy Christenson, Rev. Dr. Derrick Hassert, Igbagbo Olajide, Tola Balogun, Michael Agunloye, Michelle Agunloye

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## COMING EVENTS



### YOUTH

MEETINGS Sundays,  
March 1, April 12, May 3,  
June 7, noon to 1:30 p.m.  
with food provided.



### LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays until Holy  
Week. Soup Supper at  
6:30 p.m. in the Parish  
Hall followed by a  
service in the chapel at  
7:30 p.m. A Sign-up  
sheet is on the bulletin  
board in the Narthex  
for volunteers to  
prepare soup, bring  
salad and/or bread,  
plus, a sheet for those  
attending each week.  
Offerings go to Love  
INC.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

March 22, 2015

There will be a Pot  
Luck lunch before the  
meeting.

All reports need to be  
turned in to the church  
office for duplication  
no later than Sunday,  
March 15<sup>th</sup>.



EASTER LILIES are \$  
each. Please fill out a  
form and turn in with  
money in envelope by  
Palm Sunday if you  
would like to purchase  
Lilies in honor or in  
memory of loved ones.

### TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time  
begins Sunday, March 8

## HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY,  
March 29, 2015



### "Last Supper" PLAY

Apr. 2, Maunday  
Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.  
Fund-Raiser for Love  
INC.

Weekly Practices are after  
church, March 8, 15, 22  
& 29.

Dress Rehearsal is  
Saturday, March 28.

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2015  
Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm  
Good Friday Service 7:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2015  
Easter Egg Hunt and  
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
Children Singing at 10:00  
Easter Holy Communion  
Service at 10:30 a.m.

# MARCH 2015 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Youth Meeting after church-lunch provided	2	3	4 Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Lent Service 7:30 p.m.	5	6 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	7 Move clocks forward
<b>8</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Play Practice	9	10	11 Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Lent Service 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	14
<b>15</b> 4th Sunday in Lent MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting Play Practice	16	17	18 Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Lent Service 7:30 p.m.	19	20 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	21
<b>22</b> Passion Sunday MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting - Pot Luck	23	24	25 Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Annunciation of the B. V. M.	26	27 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	28 "Last Supper" Play Dress Rehearsal
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Women's Guild Play Practice	30	31				