



Behold your Saviour has come

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Palm Sunday has always been one of my favorite events- from my childhood. Those processions have undoubtedly had an influence in shaping me into the person who I am today as I have not stopped singing in my heart those Hosannas not only on Palm Sunday, but every day of my life. This is the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. In some church traditions, they use a real donkey in the procession.

Sometime in the 1990s a ban was made by the Municipality of Jerusalem to keep donkeys out of the walls of the Old City. It was on health grounds, that gave a complete change to the landscape of Jerusalem.

Two processions in a day-

Some suggest that there might have been two processions entering Jerusalem. One with Pontius Pilate the Roman Prefect. Pilate would ride to Jerusalem often at Jewish

festivals with a view to keeping peace. Riding on horseback with chariots of bodyguards surrounding him.

As a king, Jesus did not choose to ride on a horse a symbol for worldly authority and power. He chose a donkey the symbol of humility and lowliness.

Reflection on humility:

Humility is that sense of recognizing that God is everything and without Him you are nothing. You cannot turn to yourself in need.

By choosing to ride on a donkey, Jesus is demonstrating the virtue of God's Kingdom. His kingdom is a kingdom of humility and peace which he comes to establish in our lives.

Model of humility:

- Our Saviour entered our history and became one of us... humility.
- When he washed the feet of his disciples, He instructed them to do the same for one another... humility.
- Nailed to a cross, he forgives his executioners... humility.

On Palm Sunday, we are invited to consider Jesus Kingdom of humility and peace.

Paul: *"Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God".*

Amen.

