

Triumphal Entry

On Palm Sunday, we remember that the king that the Jews were seeking came to them humbly, not on a steed of war, but on a slow-moving donkey, the symbol of a king who comes in peace, according to Zechariah.

The two processions could not be more different in the messages they convey. Pilate, leading Roman centurions, asserts the power and might of the empire of Rome which crushes all who oppose it. Jesus, riding on a young donkey, embodies the peace and tranquility that the shalom that God brings to His people.

Those who watch that day will make a choice. They will either serve the god of this world, might and power; or they will choose to serve the king of a very different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem may or may not have been planned to occur on the same day as Pilate's procession through the western gate of the city. Whether it was planned or not, the two processions provided a contrast that was unmistakable. A contrast between kings and kingdoms was on display that day in Rome.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

- It takes faith to please God
- Faith begins when the will of God is known
- **Luke 1:38** - Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

Every great Bible story begins with the Word of the Lord.
Your faith story began with the Word of the Lord.