

The Last Ride
Matthew 21: 1-11
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Introduction: The Entourage

Historically, the King rides into town amidst great fanfare

- I. The Final Ride
 - a. Lazarus had been brought back from the dead
 - b. In Bethany
 - c. Jesus had been Beyond the Jordan
 - d. "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." – Doubting Thomas
 - e. Caiaphas seals Jesus fate – "It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."
 - f. A group follows Jesus from Bethany, a group comes out of the city to meet Him and a group meets Him inside the walls of the city.
 - g. Zech 9: 9 – "See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey."
- II. The Stirring of Jerusalem
 - a. Jesus Mission was the cross
 - i. The bad news
 - ii. The worse news
 - iii. The good news
 - iv. No one but Jesus and maybe a very few others knew what this meant – so Jerusalem was torn between ultimate good – in Jesus Christ – and ultimate evil in the killing of the Lord of glory
 - v. Reminiscent of Matthew 2: 3 – "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed and all Jerusalem with him."
- III. The events of the week
 - a. The washing of feet
 - b. Teaching on leadership, the Holy Spirit, the vine and the branches – a prayer
 - c. Trial
 - d. Crucifixion
- IV. Take Away
 - a. Believe the bad, the worse and the good news
 - b. Jesus stirred hearts then – He still stirs hearts