

Notes for John 12:12-19

Hebrew/Greek pronunciations are spelled phonetically

Hebrew Meanings of Words

Palm Sunday – 5 days before Passover, it was the day Jesus entered Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey.

Passover (*Pey-sach*) - Hebrew festival celebrating the exodus of The Israelites from Egypt

Hosanna - Transliteration of a Hebrew phrase that roughly translates to “Save us Now!”

Hallel (*Hah-leyl*) - Means praise of God and refers to the psalms sung to praise God during Hebrew festivals.

“Daughter of Zion” is a metaphor that refers to Jerusalem and, by extension, the Israelites.

Key Verses

Daniel 9:24-26 - *Through Daniel, God predicted the time from Artaxerxes' decree to rebuild the temple in 445 B.C. until the arrival of the Messiah.*

Luke 19:41-42 - *And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*

Leviticus 23:40 - *And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, **branches of palm trees** and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.*

Psalms 118:26 - *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

Isaiah 40:9 - *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, **fear not**; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”*

1 Kings 1:33 - *And the king said to them, “Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.*

Judges 5:10, 10:4, 12:14 and 2 Samuel 16:2 all have instances of leaders riding donkeys.

Zechariah 9:9 - *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Exodus 34:19-20 - *the law of Moses, says the firstborn of cattle & sheep were offered to God.*

Ephesians 4:1-3 - *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

We want to be donkeys, not racehorses

As Believers we want to bear Christ in our lives as donkeys. Not proud and prancing racehorses, distracting others with our behavior, from Him who we are meant to bear.

Instead, we want to be steady and reliable, sure footed and humble, bearing Christ in a way that all eyes are on Him rather than distracted by us.