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**REFLECTION**

Many who had witnessed the signs Jesus had done saw in Him the messianic prophet they were expecting. Earlier in the book of John it says, *When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!* This was after Jesus had fed the five thousand. *(John 6:14-15)*

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, He had raised Lazarus from the dead. That news had spread. So when the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they were excited. They stood along the road with branches of palm trees crying out *Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!* This was how the crowd, with great expectations, received the King of Israel; the King promised by God. But this was how God's King entered Jerusalem: not on a high horse, but on a donkey. As it was foretold by the prophet Zacharia

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
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Behold, your king is coming to you;  
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*(Zachariah 9:9)*

As opposed to the earthly kings that present themselves with honour and display of power, this King presents Himself in humility.

**HYMN: CH4 394**

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**BLESSING**

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# Palm Sunday

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