



WHEN YOUR KING COMES IN

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And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’”

Luke 19:35

Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen

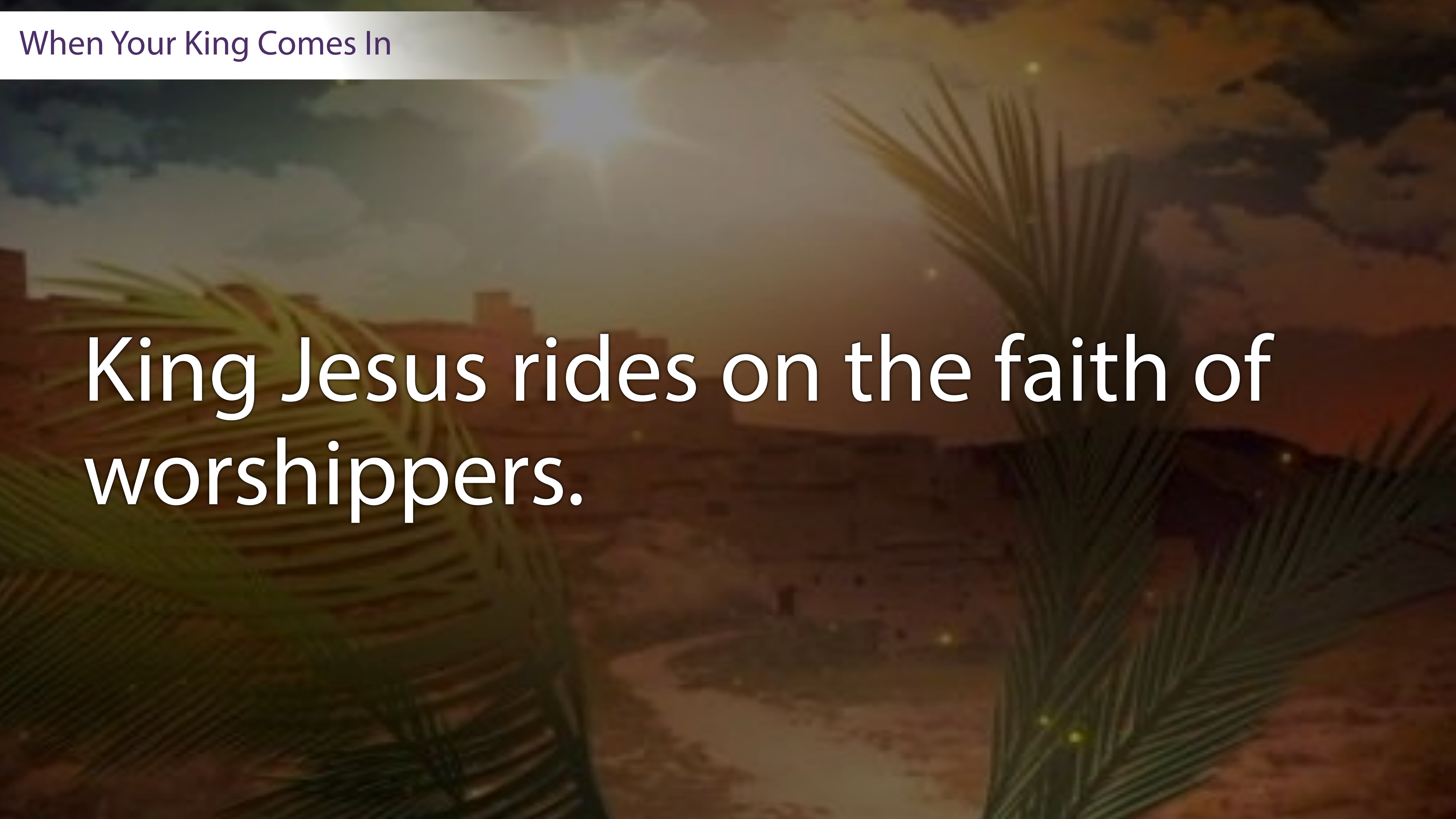
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“ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

John 12:12

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

- Jesus is a king like no other.
- Jesus is not a king who comes to conquer.
- Jesus is not a king who arrives in opulence and demands servitude.
- Jesus is a king who serves, saves and empowers his followers.



When Your King Comes In

King Jesus rides on the faith of
worshippers.

When we want Jesus to enter circumstances, we must be prepared to do three things:

1. Follow His instructions,
2. Demonstrate our faith (to please God)
3. Worship from our heart and with our substance.

In that day and in many cultures today, people understood the principle of honor and the protocol of entering the presence of elders and kings.

Jesus came to not only save souls
He came to restore the concept of
servant-leadership.

Example of Servant-Leadership

Jesus could have ridden on Arabian stallions.

He could have arrived in an entourage with gold chariots

But He chose to ride on a donkey

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Worshippers and givers have a
heart to honor and please God.

How do you receive your King Jesus?

1. **Obey the Lord**, *"Go into the village...."*
2. **Pay Attention to detail**, *"Find a colt tied... get the permission of the owner"* (not just grab any donkey walking around, and there were a lot of them)

How do you receive your King Jesus?

3. Operate under God's authority, *"The Lord has need of it..."*

4. Understand sacrificial giving.

~ By the unnamed owner of donkey

~ Disciples and onlookers, "They spread their OWN clothes on the donkey..."

How do you receive your King?

- **A sacrifice is not:** Doing something we don't want to do.
- **A sacrifice is:** Offering up something costly and precious.

How do you receive your King Jesus?

5. Remember the blessings of God in your life:

"[Rejoiced over] All the mighty works they had seen..."

6. Worship and praise God, *"HOSANNA! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord."*



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We call it "Palm Sunday" because of the palm branches that were broken off and both waved and laid before Jesus (John 12:13).

This was a genuine expression of honor for Jesus and father God at that time.



The real sacrifice came from the man whose donkey was borrowed and those who laid their clothes on the donkey and on the ground before Jesus.



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The fact that we focus on the **palm branches** today is a commentary on the level of our faith and personal worship.

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What would we call "Palm Sunday"
if we recognized the greater cost
of faith and worship?

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Would we call "**Car Sunday**" or something more valuable than palm branches?





The unknown person who
allowed his donkey to be used
**offered the greatest
sacrifice.**

**He is the most significant
person in this story other
than Jesus.**



He also became a part of God's prophetic plan.

Zechariah 9:9, *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey...*

If you had been there, what would
you have given?

What do you give today?

It's time for us to prepare the way for
Jesus through **raising the level** of our
serving, giving, worship!