

The King's Coronation - 2026

Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-19; Luke 19:28-48; John 12:12-50

Matthew's Account: Matthew 21:1-17

Mark's Account: Mark 11:1-19

Luke's Account - Luke 19:28-48

John's Account - John 12:12-50

Summary: Jesus spent the weekend before his triumphant entry into Jerusalem ministering in and around Jericho.

Precept: The events in Jericho point to Jesus healing our spiritual blindness that opens the door to true salvation.

Summary: Jesus is anointed by Mary and we learn that Lazarus is a target of the High Priest.

Precept: These two events should remind us that following Christ can be challenging because taking his side means that we walk away from another side and that can be difficult until Jesus returns.

Summary: The gospel writers reinforce that the central scene is Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and today we join in the celebration—Jesus is our King, but the people in this story are not certain; they are simply excited. Some of them will return later that week and shout "crucify him!"

Precept: There are many who join in the celebration but do not truly know the King and their lives point that out if you look for the evidence. (Matthew 7:21-23)

Summary: The writers relay different details about the ride; but this will be Jesus' final Passover and he will be betrayed. We will celebrate that event this Friday evening.

Precept: The triumphal entry was Jesus presenting himself to God the Father as the physical lamb without spot or wrinkle.

Summary: Several of the gospel writers report that Jesus had contentious encounters with the Jewish leadership. (Matthew 23; John 12:37-41)

Precept: The King was coronated on the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem even if the religious leaders in Jerusalem refused to honor Him; they will one day honor Him but then it will be too late—they made their choice when he arrived the first time and we must make our choice now before it's too late and he returns to rule the nations.

Summary: Luke 9:51 - The passion of Christ was ordained by God. (Acts 4:23-30),

Precept: God planned the Coronation of Jesus. It was an exciting event for everyone but most of them did not know its true meaning. Today we do; and to him who is given much, much is required. We know the truth so we celebrate and go and tell those who do not yet believe.