



# THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Matthew 21:1-17**

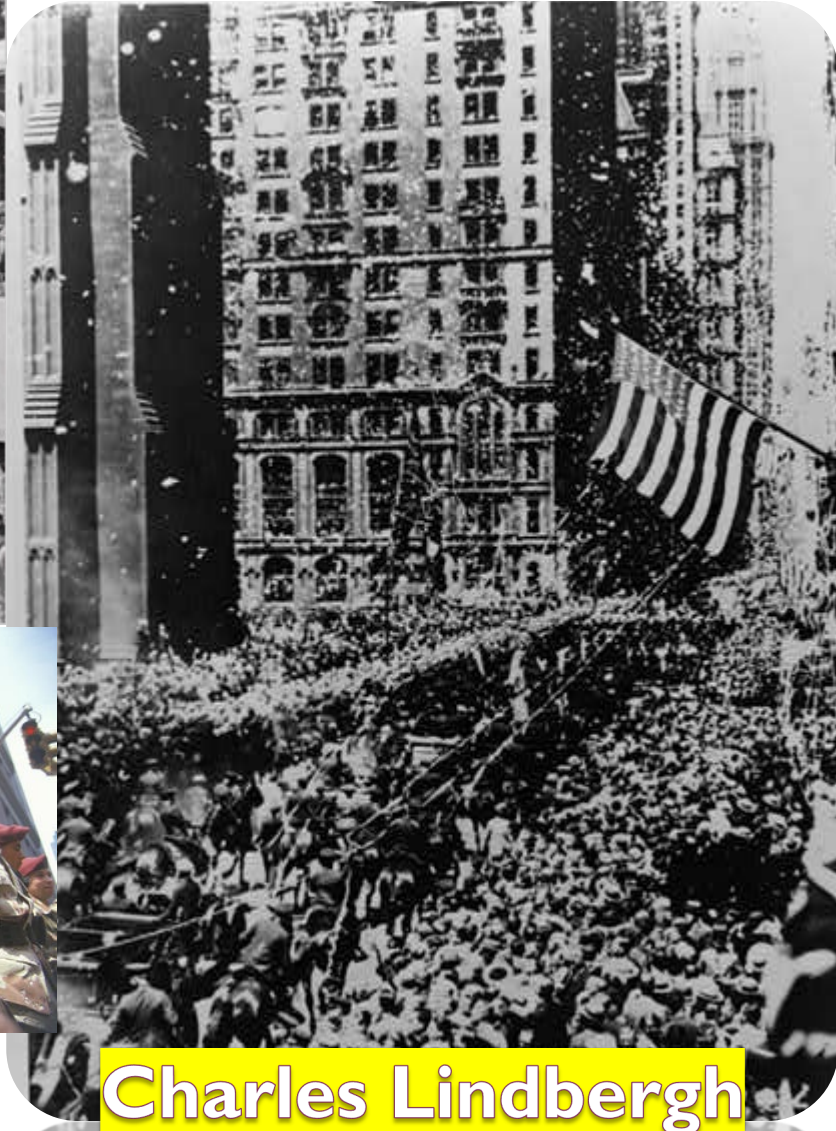
John Glenn



John Kennedy



Heros



Charles Lindbergh

# Notable Parades

# SELECTED BIBLICAL PARADES

- Esther 6:6-11                      Mordecai Honored
- 1 Samuel 18:5-7                    David's Conquest
- 2 Samuel 6: 12ff                    The Arrival of the Ark

# HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

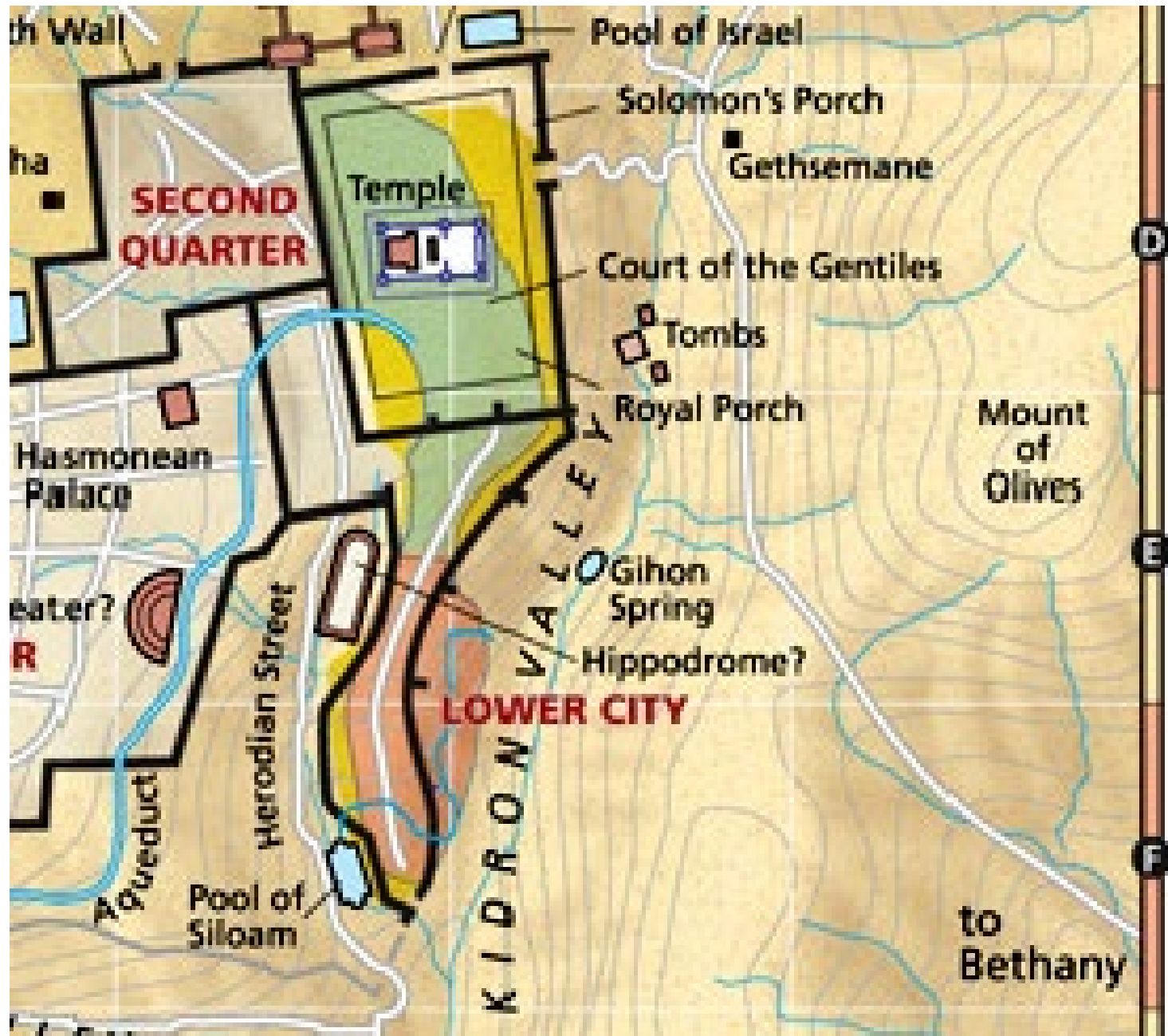
Eleven events appear in all four gospels.

Eight of them record about one week.

1. Anointing of Jesus (for burial)
2. The Triumphal Entry
3. The Last Supper
4. Gethsemane
5. Trials
6. Crucifixion
7. Burial
8. Resurrection

# THE GOSPEL RECORD

Topic/Person	Matthew 21:1-17	Mark 11:1-11	Luke 19:28-40	John 12:12-19
Sabbath Before arriving	Bethphage	Bethphage Bethany	Bethphage Bethany	Bethany (12:1) (Details)
<b>THE COLT</b> (Zechariah 9:9) (Symbol of Peace)	Mother and Colt “even a colt”	Never a man sat. (Humble / Submissive)	Never a man sat	“found a colt”
Palms/Clothes	Clothes Branches	Clothes Branches	Clothes	Branches (Begins Here)
<b>THE CROWD</b>  <b>THE CRY</b> (Psalm 118)	Hosanna Son of David Blesses is He... The prophet ...	Hosanna Blessed is He... Blessed ... the Kingdom	Blessed be the King.	Anticipation Saw Lazarus alive!
Pharisees	They saw, are displeased, speak to Jesus.	No mention	Speak to Jesus Rebuke them!	Speak to selves “The world is gone after Him”
<b>THE KING</b> Triumph or Sorrow?	Responds to Pharisees Purges the temple Heals blind and lame. Returns to Bethany	Looked into the temple . Returns to Bethany	“Stones will cry out”  Jesus weeps (Jerusalem)	12:23 The hour is come ...





*Photo: Golden Gate at Jerusalem's eastern side. Courtesy of the [Pictorial Library of Bible Lands](#)*

## ■ Exodus 12

- Abib: 1<sup>st</sup> Month of the Ceremonial Year (Deut 16)
  - Corresponds with Nisan (Babylonian Calendar)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Day - Select (Present) The Lamb
- 14<sup>th</sup> Day - Sacrifice The Lamb (Passover Meal)

10	11	12	13	14
Sunday Monday	Monday Tuesday	Tuesday Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	Thursday Friday
Select The Lamb	Observe The Lamb	Observe The Lamb	Observe The Lamb	Sacrifice The Lamb

# THE PASSOVER CALENDAR

# THE COLT

Borrowed: The Humility of Christ

Why a colt? (Prince of Peace)

Why not a horse drawn chariot? (Warrior King)

Unbroken: Contrast with the Crowd (Submissive)

Mark and Luke add – “On which no one has sat”

- Compare – other unbroken (never yoked) animals.
- Numbers 19:2; A red heifer (worship) – never yoked.
- Deuteronomy 21:3; Sacrifice for murder – never yoked
- I Samuel 6:7; The return of the ark.

# THE CROWD

- Witnesses
  - Two Witnesses (Matthew 21:1 – Two Disciples)
  - The Crown (Matthew 21:9) They went before Him and they followed Him
  - Witnessed Lazarus' resurrection (John 12:1, 9, 17)
- (Recall the Covenant Ratification) Deuteronomy 27:12-13
  - Half the tribes stood on Mount Gerizem and pronounced the blessings.
  - Half of the tribes stood on Mount Ebal and pronounced the curses.



# THE CRY

- Hosanna
  - The Savior: “O Save – Prayer for Salvation”
  - The Lamb (John 1:21)
  
- He Who comes in the Name of The Lord
  - The Prophet/Priest – The King (Zech 4)
  - Psalm 118:23 “Blessed is He who comes...”
  
- That prophet from Nazareth.
  - Jesus the Prophet greater than Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15)

# THE KING

- Son of David (9 times in Matthew)
  - The King: The rightful heir (Matthew 1)
  - Matthew 9:27 and 20:30 “Son of David”
- Zechariah 9:9
  - The First of Two “Oracles” or “Burdens” of the prophet.
  - The King Rejected (Zechariah Chapters 9-11)

# THE CLEANSING

- The First Temple Cleansing
  - John 2:14-15 occurs immediately after his first sign/miracle (Water to Wine)
  - John's record is detailed.
  - John 2:19 records his famous words "destroy this Temple" which would be repeated at His trial.
  - This is the first recorded Passover of Christ's ministry.
- The Second Temple Cleansing
  - Matthew 21:12-13 occurs at the final Passover of Christ's ministry
  - The details are brief compared to the first event.
  - The response of the chief priests and scribes is not to the cleansing this time.

# THE SIGNS

- Destroy This Temple (Sign of Jonah)
  - Certainly, the chief priests and scribes will recall the first cleansing (John 2)
- Go Tell John (Signs to John)
  - “Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that **the blind see, the lame walk.**” Luke 7:22

# THE CRY (PART TWO)

- Matthew 21: 9 The first cry was as He entered the city.
  - Hosannah to the Son of David
  - Blessed is He that comes in the Name of The Lord
  - Hosannah in the Highest
- Matthew 21: 15 The second cry is when He healed the blind and the lame
  - The ones crying out are identified as “children.”
  - The prophecy here is Psalm 8:2 “out of the mouth of babes.”
  - The chief priests and scribes seem to understand the connection.

# THE MAN OF SORROWS

- Matthew 21:17 simply records the return to Bethany  
This would be at or near the home of Lazarus, his friend.
- The people may cry out, but the leaders reject Him.  
In a matter of days, the people will follow their religious leaders.