

# ישוע רכב על-חמור

## *Yeshua Riding Upon a Donkey*

When the time had come for Yeshua to make Himself known to the people of Israel as their long awaited Messiah, He and His talmidim came to Yerushalaim. He instructed His talmidim to go to a village outside of the city limits (Bethphage, cp. Mk 11:1; Lk 19:29), and there they would find a donkey and her colt. He instructed them to untie the donkey and her colt, and bring them to Him. When the owner of the donkey and colt would ask them what they were doing, they were to respond, “The Master needs these animals,” and he would permit them to use the animals.

The talmidim did as the Master instructed them. When they came to the village, they found the donkey and her colt just as Yeshua had said. As they began to untie the donkey, those seeing them asked, “Hey, what are you doing?” They answered, “The Master needs to use these the donkey,” and just as Yeshua said, the owner gave his permission.

So they brought the donkey and her colt to Yeshua. Then they some of them took off their outer tunics and laid them upon the donkey. Yeshua sat upon the donkey, and began to enter the city of Yerushalaim. There were a lot of people in the city because it was the beginning of the Pesach Festival. As He came into the city, riding upon the donkey, the crowds began to cheer, and they took branches from palm trees and began to spread them in the road. They also took off their coats and laid them in the road, making a royal “carpet” for Yeshua to ride upon.

And they were crying out, “Hoshanah to the Son of David! Baruch haBa b’Shem Adonai, Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hoshanah in the highest!” Hoshanah is an Aramaic word that means “Please save (us).”

Now this seems like a very strange way for Yeshua to enter the city of Yerushalaim, doesn’t it? But there was a very good reason that Yeshua did this. For the prophet Zechariah had written hundreds of years earlier a very important prophecy. We find this prophecy in Zechariah 9:9—

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble,  
and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

When Yeshua came into the city riding on a donkey, the people were well aware that what He was doing was in fulfillment of Zechariah’s prophecy. He was the promised Messiah, the King whom Zechariah had written about. He was not the kind of King Who would come with armies, or with great outward prestige. Rather, He came bringing salvation for those who knew themselves as sinner, those who were in need of being forgiven. He came as the humble Servant of the Lord.

There is coming a day when Yeshua will return to the city of Yerushalaim. But when He come again, He will not come in such humble ways, but rather as the reigning, glorious King! John describes this (Revelation 19:11–16): “And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war... And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

