

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Who Is He?

TUNE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (HYMN TO JOY)

Psalm 24:7-10; Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-15

♩ = 104

G G<sup>sus</sup> G  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{Am}{D}$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{G}{D}$  D

1. Who is He who comes in tri-umph? Who is He who comes to die,  
 2. See Him there in hum - ble splen - dor. Hear them shout - ing all a - round.  
 3. Rise and join the glad pro - ces - sion! Hear them pass - ing by a - gain-

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G7 C<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

Comes in peace and comes in pow - er, Hid - den One now lift - ed high?  
 Joy ex - plodes in wild pro - ces - sion. Praise is now the vic - tor's crown.  
 All the ran - somed, all His chil - dren, March - ing to Je - ru - sa - lem!

D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{Bm}{D}$  D7  $\frac{B}{D\#}$  B7 EmEm7 A D

Je - sus, Je - sus, Lord, Mes - si - ah, Might - y mas - ter of the grave!  
 "Glo - ry, glo - ry in the high - est!" Like the an - gels hear them sing,  
 Look a - head - the gates of splen - dor! Hear the ev - er - last - ing hymn!

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G7 C<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

See Him ride, the King of Glo - ry! God Him - self has come to save!  
 Danc - ing round the Long - a - wait - ed - Once their hope, and now their King.  
 O - pen wide Your hearts in wor - ship! Let the King of Glo - ry in!

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HYMN TO JOY

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TOPICS: Lent-Easter; Palm Sunday

LEAD-IN: *The disciples...brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:6-11, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **The Triumphal Entry**

*Rejoice greatly...Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9, NIV)*

If you knew exactly where, when, and how you would die, how would you approach that place and time? Notice what Jesus did.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus had refused to openly proclaim himself Messiah. He had commanded those He healed to say nothing. But now, the place and time of His death had come. He was entering Jerusalem to be handed over to His enemies, thoroughly humiliated, and killed as a criminal. Before the week is out, He will be dead. How does He enter? He comes as a conquering hero, as a mighty deliverer, in plain fulfillment of the messianic prophecy. His followers were now hailing Him as King and shouting His praises. Instead of silencing them, Jesus said that if the people were silent, the very rocks would cry out in praise.

To Jesus, His suffering and death were the crowning point of His mission to earth. He was about to be "lifted up" so that He could "draw all men" to himself (John 12:32). He was facing death as a conqueror.

Read John 17:1-5. Nearing His most difficult hour, what was Jesus' prayer for himself? "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you" (v. 1).

Jesus knew that His greatest trial was also His greatest chance to glorify the Father. Facing horrendous pain, the Father's glory was Jesus' prayer and concern. In His suffering and death, He would shine the light most clearly on God's love.

That is often true of us as well. Our hour of trial is our special chance to glorify God. That's when others will see the full reality of God and His powerful love.

Father, during difficult times my prayer is this: no matter what happens, glorify Yourself.