

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## The Triumphal Entry



On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

John 12:12-20.

The student of the deeper spiritual teachings will have no difficulty in understanding that this account of *The Triumphal Entry* refers to the entrance of the spiritual aspirant into a higher realm of consciousness which culminates a certain period of progress on the Path. Many, many lives may be required to attain this high stage of development, but the persistent striving to love and serve one's fellow men will surely bring the aspirant to his goal.

Celebrated in the church as Palm Sunday, *The Triumphal Entry* is the beginning of the last week of Christ's ministry upon earth, a week full of events of deep significance to the spiritual aspirant. Every one who follows the Way of the Christ experiences this "triumphal entry" into the greater

powers of the conquering Spirit, the entrance into a plane of life made ever more satisfying by the increase of its usefulness in the great scheme of things.

We note that the ones who "bare record" were those "that were with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead." Dead, in such cases, means dead only to things that are past—of the material world—so that one may step into a higher stage of consciousness.

In St. Mark's Gospel 21:49, we are told that the two disciples sent to find a *colt* found it "where two ways met," and in this is to be seen a reference to the union of the head and the heart paths wherein is found true wisdom. The development of both the positive and the negative, the intellect and the heart, is necessary for the high spiritual attainment possessed by the Adept, he who has been liberated from the cross of the body. One who has reached this stage may truly be called a "king."

The word "colt" is said to signify wisdom, and it was therefore fitting that our matchless Way-shower should enter the "city" (a high state of spiritual consciousness) on a colt. Only as one attains true wisdom can he expect to obtain the priceless treasures of the spirit. The Mystery Schools are designed by the Higher Ones in charge of human evolution for the specific purpose of giving aspirants the training needed for the later steps on the Path.

Fitting also is the carrying of the palm trees, signifying honor and victory to the coming One, by those who welcome Him into the city. Every new aspirant added to the Kingdom is welcomed by the invisible hosts who are ever ready to assist us toward a *triumphal entry*.