



The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke are called such because they give a brief but thorough summary of the life of Christ) also include the account of the Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19:28-44

The way John presents Jesus is clearly different.



Was/is He salvation? “Hosanna”

Absolutely! (Consider 2 Cor. 12:8-9)

Did they understand the resurrection?

Not exactly. They thought bodily resurrection (only to die again) was going to be the best ever.

They needed resurrection to eternal life.



MIRACLES, MAYHEM, MESSIAH

John 12:12-19



THE 'ON RAMP'

The death and resurrection of Lazarus (11:1-44)
resulted in many putting their faith in Jesus (vs. 45)

'Awww! I'm telling' Vs. 46

Fears fed Vs. 48

Prophetic word of Caiaphas Vss. 49-50



Plotting to kill Jesus Vs. 53

Jesus no longer in public Vs. 54

(He wasn't fearful; it just wasn't time)

Anointing at Bethany 12:1-8

Lazarus in the crosshairs 12:9-11



VSS. 12-13

Huge crowds met Jesus on His way to Jerusalem.

The palm branches (and the outer garments – Luke 19:36) signified royalty and served as a reminder of prior deliverance of God's people

The shouts – Messianic titles from prophecy



VSS. 14-15

The choice of the donkey, also prophetic, and a clear indication that he was ushering in peace, not war

From the synoptics, if anyone questioned taking the donkey: very simply, "The Lord needs it."

Riding on a colt no one had ever ridden? A demonstration of His lordship over all creation

VSS. 16-19 CLARITY IN THE CONFUSION

“At first they did not understand”

Did they understand the person?

Well, sort of. They hailed Him as *Messiah*.

Did they understand His purpose?

Not so much. They wanted free from Rome, when what they needed was freedom from the Enemy



IS HE WORTHY OF PRAISE?

No doubt!

Consider Phil. 2:5-11

Revelation 5



So what was the problem?

Many in Jerusalem were praising Him not for who He was/is but for who they wanted Him to be.

Beware this clear and present danger!