(1) **Triumphal Entry (Mt. 21:1-9; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk. 19:28-44; Jn. 12:12-19)**

1. Bethany was the village where Jesus could retreat each night of the Final Week (Mk. 11:11). Bethphage was the village where a colt was prepared to bear Him into Jerusalem (Mt. 21:1-5; Mk. 11:1-6; Lk. 19:28-34).
   a. Jesus instructed two disciples to fetch the colt. They were to administrate the details, but the preparations were previously made.
   b. Jesus anticipated that the colt’s owners would have questions but would approve the colt’s prophesied use.
   c. The animal (Zech. 9:9) and the day (Dan. 9:26) were Biblically predicted.
      1) Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia has a good article on the ass.
      2) Harold Hoehner has the best chronology of Daniel 9 and the 173,880 days in verse 25.

2. The coats & palm branches were expressions of acclamation (King Jehu, 2nd Kgs. 9:13; Simon Maccabeus 1st Macc. 13:51).
   a. The honor as a king was undeniable.
   b. The humility of a servant likewise.

3. Hosanna! was shouted by believers with capacity to appreciate Psalm 118.
   a. Hosanna is an Aramaic exclamation from the Hebrew text of Ps. 118:25. It means primarily “do save” but as an interjection of joy it has a parallel in “glory to God” (in the highest, cf. Lk. 2:14; 19:38).
   b. The chief corner stone (Ps. 118:22) is on hand to fulfill the Day which YHWH has made (Ps. 118:24).
   c. Witnesses to the raising Lazarus added their own testimonies to the chorus of praise (Jn. 12:17-18) to the chagrin of the Pharisees (Jn. 12:19).
   d. Pharisees tried to end the shouting (Lk. 19:39), but Jesus insisted that the accolades had to be voiced (Lk. 19:40).

4. Coming in the name of the Lord was celebrated by only a remnant at first advent (Mt. 21:9; Mk. 11:9; Lk. 19:38; Jn. 12:13), but will be universally required before second advent (Mt. 23:39 cf. Lk. 13:35 [PM20]).

5. The two advents were still not understood by the ones praising Jesus (1st Pet. 1:11), and He basked in their joy with His own private grief (Lk. 19:41-44).

6. Bystanders wanted to know who He was (Mt. 21:10), and the prophetic identification (Mt. 21:11) while accurate was incomplete.