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For God so loved the world

**Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,**

**‘Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.**

**If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord needs them,” and he will send them at once.’**

**This took place to fulfill what was spoken by  
the prophet, saying,**

**‘Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your  
king is coming to you, humble, and mounted  
on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of  
burden.”’**

**The disciples went and did as Jesus had  
directed them. They brought the donkey and  
the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he  
sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their  
cloaks on the road, and others cut branches  
from the trees and spread them on the road.**

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

**‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’**

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said, **‘This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.’**

*(Matthew 21:1-11)*

**When...[Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'...**

**Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'**

**And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'**

*(Luke 22:14-20)*

...while [Pontius Pilate] was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

‘Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.’

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, **‘Barabbas.’**

Pilate said to them,  
‘Then what shall I do with Jesus who is  
called Christ?’

They all said, ‘**Let him be crucified!**’

And he said, ‘Why, what evil has he  
done?’ But they shouted all the more,

‘**Let him be crucified!**’

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'

And all the people answered, '**His blood be on us and on our children!**'

*(Matthew 27:19-25)*



**Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.**

**Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,**

**"You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!**

**If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

**In the same way the chief priests also,  
along with the scribes and elders, were  
mocking him, saying,**

**"He saved others; he cannot save himself.**

**He is the King of Israel; let him come  
down from the cross now, and we will  
believe in him.**

**He trusts in God; let God deliver him  
now, if he wants to; for he said,**

**'I am God's Son.'"**

**The bandits who were crucified with him  
also taunted him in the same way.**

*(Matthew 27:38-44)*