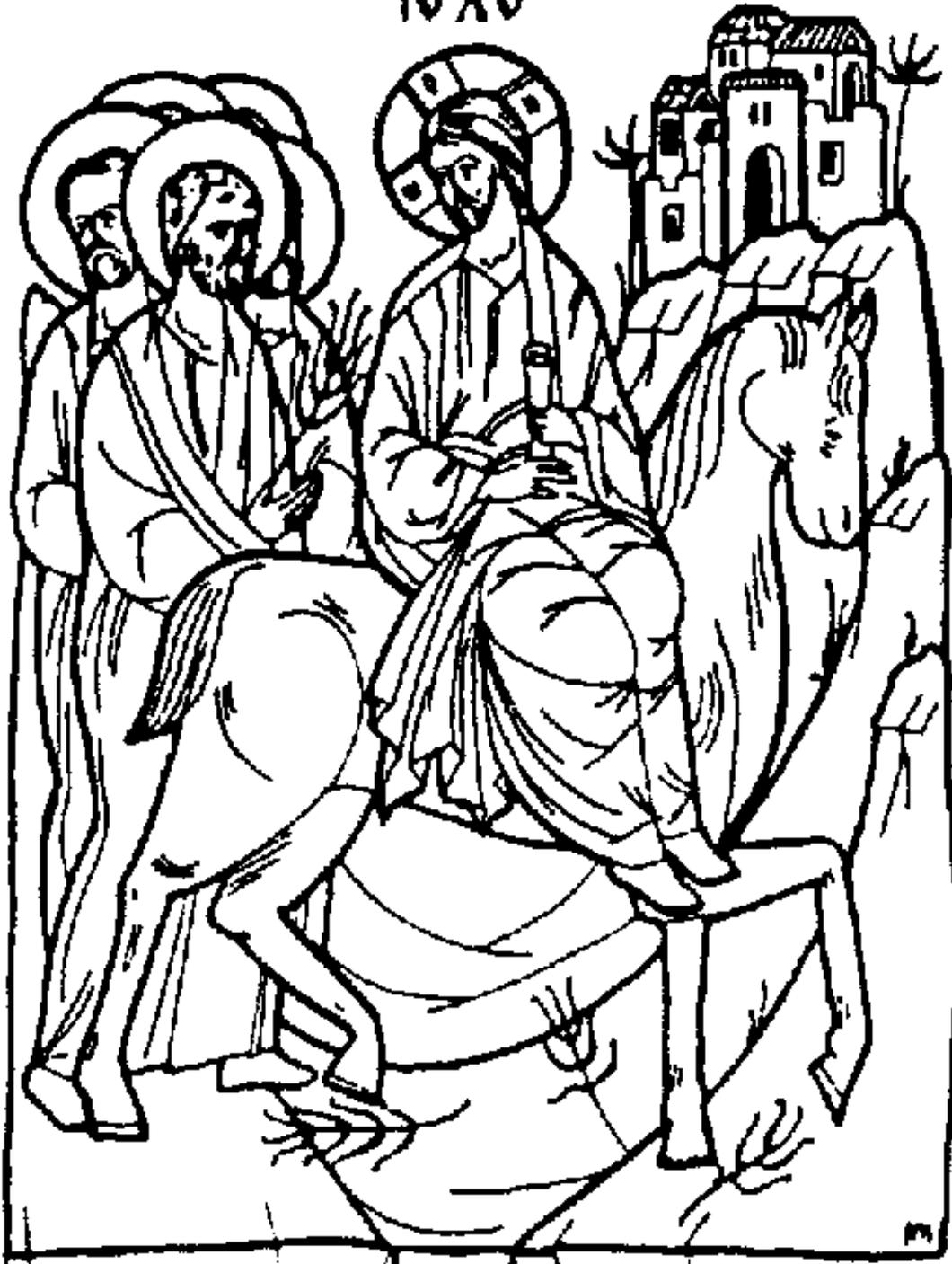


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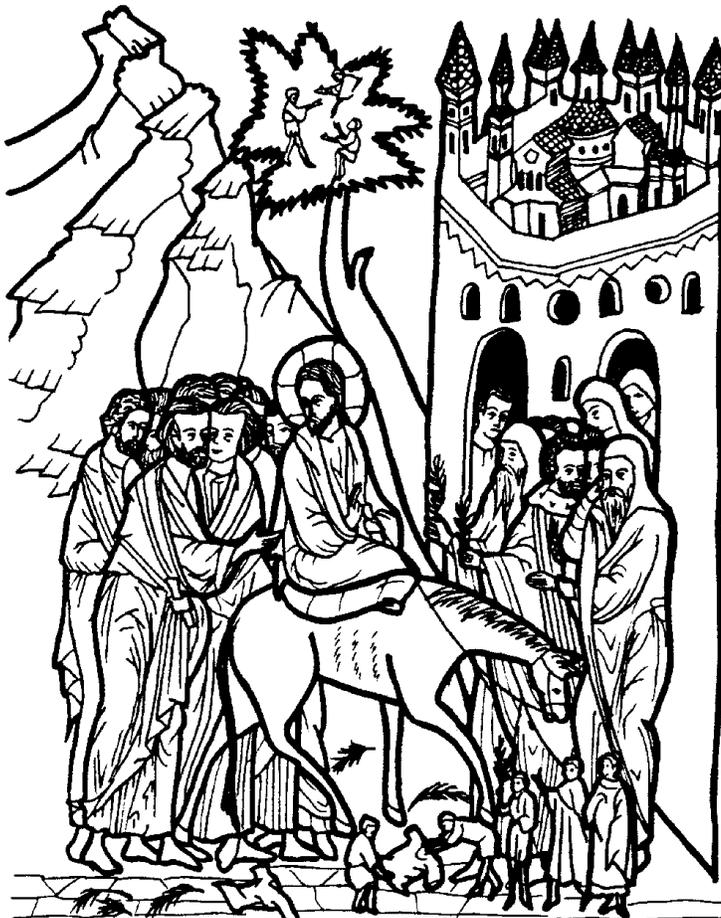
When Jesus came into the city on Palm Sunday, He was riding on a donkey. The people waved palm branches like they did for special people like a king. The people shouted “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”

Palm Sunday – Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

In the ancient world kings and generals often led triumphal processions into cities. These were magnificent displays of power and pomp involving chariots, horses, soldiers, weapons and riches. But when Jesus entered into Jerusalem in triumph, there was no outward signs of power and splendor. In the Gospels we always find Jesus walking. There is no mention that He was ever on a horse. And now He comes into Jerusalem with a band of simple fishermen riding on a donkey. Jesus Christ came as the Prince of Peace. The crowd gave Him a hero's welcome. This humble setting fulfilled the prophecy of Zachariah:

*Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion
Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you!
He comes triumphant and victorious,
But humble and riding on a donkey – on a colt,
On the foal of a donkey. - Zechariah 9:9*

Read John 12:1-18, the Gospel reading for Palm Sunday. This passage tells the whole story of Jesus' last visit to Bethany and His entry into Jerusalem.



1. With whom did Jesus have dinner in Bethany (vss. 1-3)?
2. Why did Judas Iscariot complain (vs. 5)?
3. What symbolic meaning did Jesus attach to the anointing (vs. 7)?
4. What did Jesus say about the poor and Himself (vs. 8)?
5. How did the crowd welcome Jesus into Jerusalem (vs. 13)?
6. What were they shouting about Christ (vs. 13)?